

Every Student, Every Day, Every Period!



Dear Parent/Guardian,

The goal of Elgin High School is to ensure that every student is successful.

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success. Regular and high attendance is a better predictor of graduating high school than standardized test scores. Even as your student grows older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and that they understand why attendance is so important for success in school and in life.

We realize that some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other considerations, but when students miss too much school -- regardless of the reason -- it can cause them to fall behind academically and put them in jeopardy of failing. In the state of Illinois, any student who misses 18 or more days of school is considered to have chronic absence. Chronic absence include days missed for **ANY** reason, including suspensions, unexcused absences, *excused absences, and vacations!*

Absence can cause your student to fall behind and become discouraged about school. Please ensure that your student goes to school every day, attends every class, and arrives on time. Avoid scheduling vacations while school is in session. Schedule medical appointments outside the school day when possible.

Absences can add up quickly. A student is chronically absent if he or she misses **just two days every month!**

If you need assistance, please contact Elgin High School. We are here to support our students and their families.

To report your student absent or tardy, call 847-888-5110

To arrange an early dismissal, call 847-888-5111

If you need assistance or support, please call your student's counselor or dean. You may also contact the MTSS Coordinator at 847-888-5336.