

Do What's Right!



Attendance Matters



Family Attendance Guide

Why is being at school important???

- It's the law – all children must attend school under the age of 18 and have the right to a free and public education
- Excellent attendance provides students with a daily opportunity to learn
- Students develop academic and life skills/experiences
- Attending school daily helps to develop social and emotional skills, and a global awareness/perspective of people and cultures.

What to do if your child is absent....

Communicate the reason for the absence by calling the main office **BEFORE 9 AM** OR email the following email address:

Vcms.attendance@vernonct.org

Attendance Tips

- Make sure all students keep a regular bedtime and establish a morning routine.
- Talk about the importance of showing up to school **on time** every day – The school bell rings at **7:38 AM** Students **must be in their classrooms by this time or else will be considered tardy**.
- Avoid scheduling **vacations** or **doctor's appointments** when school is in session.

Help your child stay engaged

- Stay on top of academic progress and seek help from teacher's when necessary.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.

State Law Definition

Truant: A student who has 4 unexcused absences in one month or 10 unexcused absences in one school year

School Action if my child is absent

- Absences 1 – 8 : *Robo Call (Based off of homeroom attendance) *Follow up parent phone call *Attendance letters sent home at 3 and 6 absences *Teacher Outreach
- Absences 9 – 17: *Attendance letter sent home at 9 absences *Parent Meeting *Home visit when necessary
- Absences 18+: *Outside agency report *Recommendation for PPT Meeting
- Truancy: *Referral to the Vernon Youth Services Bureau *DCF Referral