

EVERY DAY COUNTS

BCPS Attendance Talking Points

Every day counts. Showing up to school every day, ready to learn, is the best way to stay ahead and be successful, both in the classroom today and in life later on.

Good attendance is a proven ingredient for success. Students with strong attendance records are more likely to read at or above their grade levels, graduate from high school, and develop important social skills.

Each school day is an opportunity to start or continue your student on the path to success. Attending school every day, ready to learn, is the best way to stay ahead and be successful, both in the classroom today and in life later on.

Missing school, even if it's just a few days here and there, means missing key lessons, which can quickly cause your student to fall behind.

Missing one or two days here and there can quickly add up! Missing just one day every two weeks can add up to 18 days in a year. Students who are absent an average of 15 days a year miss a year's worth of school before their senior year. 🐶

If your family's health needs are impacting your student's ability to attend school, **consider utilizing your school's health resources like Grace Health or school nurses.** Each BCPS school is equipped with a Grace Health student health center, including nurse practitioners and social workers, or a school nurse who can offer support for your student's health needs.

Whether you're facing barriers making it difficult to get to school, your student is dealing with anxiety, or you're just feeling overwhelmed, be sure to call a BCPS school office to **speak with a Communities in Schools Student Support Coordinator** about what support may be available.

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