

# TIPS FOR PARENTS...

## PRE-K

### Did you know?

Missing 10 percent of preschool (one or two days every few weeks) can:

- ▶ Make it harder to develop early reading skills
- ▶ Make it harder to get ready for kindergarten and first grade
- ▶ Develop a poor attendance pattern that's hard to break

### What You Can Do

**Talk about it – sing about it – make it an adventure!**

- ▶ Set a regular bed time and morning routine
- ▶ Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before
- ▶ Share ideas with other parents for getting out the door on time

### Before the school year starts:

- ▶ Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots

## ELEMENTARY

### Did you know?

- ▶ Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school
- ▶ Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read
- ▶ Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks
- ▶ Being late to school may lead to poor attendance
- ▶ Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up

### What You Can Do

- ▶ Set a regular bed time and morning routine
- ▶ Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before
- ▶ Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots
- ▶ Don't let your child stay home unless truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home
- ▶ Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session



## LOCAL RESOURCES...

### Collier County Sheriff's Office (JAR)

3301 East Tamiami Trail, Building J  
Naples, FL 34112  
Phone: (239) 252-0900

### David Lawrence Center

Mental Health Counseling and Substance Abuse Treatment for Children and Adults

#### Naples Location

6075 Bathey Lane  
Naples, FL 34116

Phone: (239) 455-8500

#### Immokalee Location

425 N 1st St

Immokalee, FL 34142

Phone: (239) 657-4434

### Lutheran Services Florida

Counseling Programs for Youth and Families

3634 Central Avenue  
Ft. Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 823-3928—Naples

Phone: (239) 278-5400—Immokalee



### Collier County Public Schools

5775 Osceola Trail - Naples, FL 34109  
[www.collierschools.com](http://www.collierschools.com)

### Dr. Kamela Patton

Superintendent of Schools

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# TRUANCY PREVENTION PRE-K AND ELEMENTARY

ATTEND TODAY

ACHIEVE TOMORROW

DON'T LET ABSENCES ADD UP

A Parent's Guide to  
Keeping Your  
Child in School

Collier County Public Schools  
[www.collierschools.com](http://www.collierschools.com)

# FLORIDA'S ATTENDANCE LAW...

State of Florida Compulsory School Attendance Laws require all children who have attained the age of six (6) years by February 1 of any school year, or who are older than six (6) years of age but who have not attained the age of sixteen (16) years, to attend school regularly during the entire school term.

Parents failing to properly enroll or require their children to attend school regularly shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree punishable as provided in the law.

**18 + DAYS  
CHRONIC  
ABSENCE**

**10-17 DAYS  
WARNING  
SIGNS**

**0-9 DAYS  
SATISFACTORY  
ATTENDANCE**



NOTE: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

# When is sick *too sick* for school?



## OK for school if...

- ▶ Clear runny nose but no other symptoms
- ▶ 24 hours since vomiting or diarrhea
- ▶ No fever or fever reducing medicine for 24 hours



## Call the doctor if...

- ▶ Temperature higher than 100°, vomiting, or diarrhea for more than two days
- ▶ Sniffles for more than a week, and they are not getting better
- ▶ Still have asthma symptoms after using asthma medicine
- ▶ New cough that does not get better after two (2) days

## Keep home if...

- ▶ Temperature is higher than 100°
- ▶ Vomiting or diarrhea
- ▶ Undiagnosed cough
- ▶ Pink/crusty eyes



## Call 911 if..

- ▶ If there is trouble breathing
- ▶ A severe allergic reaction—no emergency medication available