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Did you know...

Poor attendance can be a red flag for problems at home. One problem associated with high absenteeism is parental alcoholic/drug addiction. If you notice a student developing a pattern of poor attendance, the first step of intervention is to have a parent conference. If the situation does not improve, inform the counselor and/or the social worker. Students tend to come to school more consistently when they feel a sense of belonging at school. Teachers can help with this by making pro-active circles a regular part of the day. Increased belonging at school can be improved by something as simple as greeting each child as he/she enters the classroom each day. Rewards (Eagle Tickets) can be given for improved attendance. Classrooms can conduct attendance contests.



Attention to Attendance!



Welcome back to another awesome year at BG! To ensure a super awesome year, let's take a pro-active approach to problem solving. Attendance is an issue we all need to be aware of early in the year. The earlier this problem is identified in the year, the more likely it is to be addressed successfully. Attendance is an excellent predictor of success in school and later in life. Research shows that:

- Only 17% of students who are absent 10% or more in KG and first grade can read at grade level after 3rd grade.
- If a student is 10 minutes late per day, this equals 50 minutes/week (nearly 11/2 weeks per year), over 13 years of school it is a loss of nearly half a year.
- If a student misses 1 day every 2 weeks, it equals 20 days/year, over 13 years of school it is 11/2 years.
- Students who are chronically absent are more likely to experience academic problems and drop out at a higher rate.



Related websites/sources:

Attendanceworks.org

NEAToday.org/opioids

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