

Attendance Matters at Lake Myrtle!

At School – On Time – All Day

Why attendance matters for your child?

Patterns of nonattendance and truancy are considered early warning signs of academic failure, behavior problems, and social isolation. Student who do not attend school regularly, bell to bell, are more at risk for disengagement and not meeting graduation requirements than students who are consistently present at school. In fact, research shows that fourth grade students scored 12 points lower on standardized reading assessment if they missed just 3 days the prior month. Moreover, students who tend to miss more than 10% or 18 days in a school year are more at-risk for drop out than students who averaged 0 to 4 absences a year.

Did you know?

Compulsory School Attendance:

Section 1003.21 (1)(a), Florida Statutes

All children who have attained the age of 6 years or who will have attained the age of 6 years by February 1 of any school year or who are older than 6 years, except as otherwise provided, are required to attend school regularly during the entire school term.



Attendance Tracking

On Track – If your child is **on track** for academic success, he/she will have 0-2 absences per quarter.

(4% or fewer absences in a year)

At-Risk – If your child is **at risk** for academic success, he/she will have 3 -4 absences per quarter.

(5-9% or fewer absences in a year)

Off-Track – If your child is **off track** for academic success, he/she will have 5 or more absences per quarter.

(10% or more absences in a year)



What you can do to help your child:

- ✓ Take an active role – stay involved.
- ✓ Talk to your child – identify potential sources of anxiety.
- ✓ Keep updated on school events and announcements. Go to the school's web page and social media sites.
- ✓ Help your child get to school on time and stay in school from bell to bell.
- ✓ Schedule family events and vacations with your child's school calendar in mind.
- ✓ Limit or arrange doctor's appointments around the school day.
- ✓ Promote good health.
- ✓ Contact your child's teacher or the school for support.

Why regular school attendance is important for your children and your family:

- We care about our students
- Results in improved academic achievement
- Engages children and families with the school and community
- Emphasizes the value of education
- Compulsory school attendance (it's the law)
- Establishes a social network outside the home.