

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

## AT EAST WAKE MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL

# ATTENDANCE = SUCCESS

## YOUR SUCCESS TODAY, MATTERS TOMORROW!

### WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS

#### INCREASE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

- **Higher grades, Better Performance, & Improved Learning**
  - Students with good attendance tend to achieve better grades.
  - Regular attendance leads to better performance on exams and assignments.
  - Consistent attendance ensures students don't miss out of important instructional lessons, discussions and stay on track with studies.
- **Understanding Material**
  - Regular attendance allows students to actively engage and helps with retaining information.
  - Being present in class allows for real time interaction with teachers and peers, which enhances the learning experience.

#### BUILD BETTER LIFE HABITS

- **Life Skills Development**
  - Develops habits of punctuality for both personal and professional life.
  - Demonstrates a commitment to personal growth and education.
  - Teaches students accountability and responsibility for their education.
- **Long-term Benefits**
  - Regular attendance sets habit formation for future success.
  - Develops habits of professionalism for expectations of the workplace.
  - Fosters discipline and time management skills valuable for the future.

#### STAY CONNECTED

- **Social Engagement**
  - Helps students build and maintain friendships & establish sense of belonging.
  - Allows participation in extracurricular activities which promotes engagement.
  - Helps students stay connected with teachers, which builds a strong support network.

- **Emotional Well-Being**

- Being a part of a school community contributes to a sense of belonging.
- Promotes overall engagement and reduces feelings of isolation.

#### PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE

- **College and Career Readiness**
  - Attendance records are considered as part of the admissions process.
  - Good attendance can be a factor in scholarship eligibility.
- **Career Preparation**
  - Regular attendance develops discipline and work ethic for future careers.
  - Employers value employees who demonstrate reliability, punctuality, and dedication, which is demonstrated by good attendance.

#### DON'T ALLOW YOUR ATTENDANCE TO IMPACT YOUR ELIGIBILITY

- **Eligibility factors:**
  - Athletic Eligibility: 13 or less absences impacts athletic eligibility.
  - Test Exemptions: 10 or less absences impact test exemptions eligibility.
  - Driver Eligibility: Non-enrollment in school can impact your legal driving privileges, if you are <18 years old- "Lose Control, Lose Your License Law."

#### TIPS FOR GOOD ATTENDANCE

- **Practical Suggestions:**
  - Set a consistent sleep schedule and prepare the night before.
  - Create a morning routine that helps you get ready and out the door on time.
  - Stay healthy by practicing good hygiene and eating a balanced diet.
  - Make attendance a priority and avoid unnecessary absences.
  - Use a planner, calendar, or set reminders to stay organized.
  - Set academic and attendance goals to stay motivated.

#### IF YOU'RE STRUGGLING WITH ATTENDANCE, SUPPORT IS HERE:

##### Talk with your teachers or counselors for help

- School counselors can provide support and guidance and connect you with supportive networks available within the school.
- Teachers can help catch you up on missed work and can provide additional academic support, if needed.
- SAP counselors can communicate with all stakeholders to address any attendance related challenges and work together to overcome barriers.

#StayPresentStayAhead

#EveryDayCounts

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