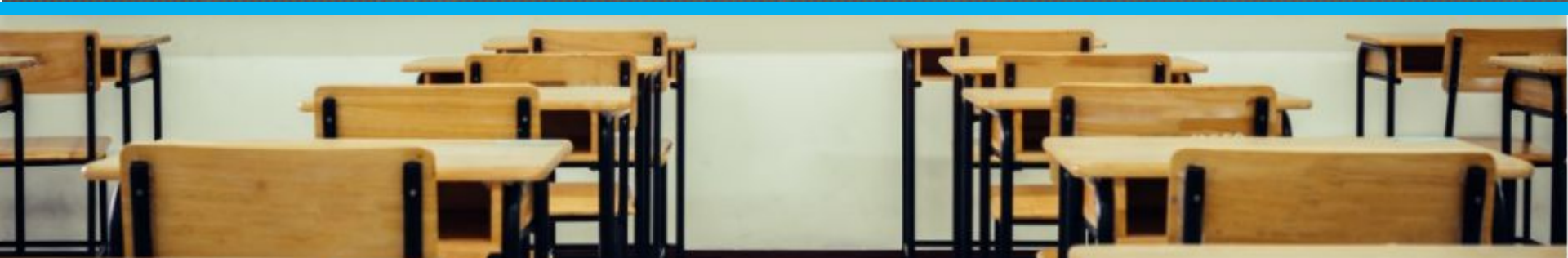


Showing Up Matters!

Welcome, thank you for joining us today!

The most important thing you can do for your child's future is to establish a pattern of showing up and good attendance.

*Myra Linn Elementary
2023-2024*



Today's Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Discuss why attendance is so important in your child's success at school
- Review Resources that are available to your child
- Volunteer Application
- Parents pre-register for school events

Myra Linn's Website:

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What to Expect at School This Year

- We are prepared and looking forward to supporting your child by providing the best education possible
 - We will continue to focus on connecting with our students and having fun doing it!
 - It will be critical that your child is **on-time and present every day, every period**
- We have work ahead of us and it will take teamwork
 - We want to partner with you to ensure your child has the most meaningful and positive educational experience at our school
- The single most important thing as a parent, is **make sure your child is at school every day.**

Over 40 years of research has confirmed the impact of school attendance on educational achievement

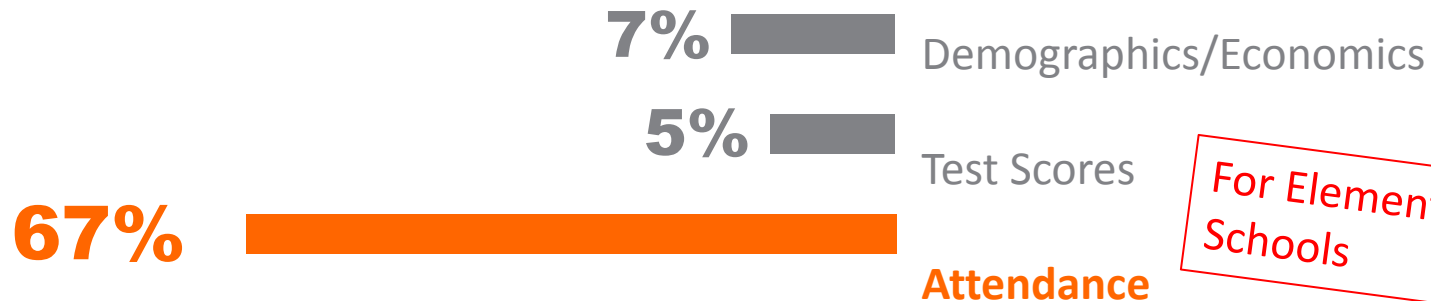
#1 Attendance is the number one predictor of dropout and graduation rates

17% Only 17% of chronically absent students in kindergarten and 1st grade can read on grade level- that's just 2 days a month!

25% There is a 25% drop in likelihood of graduating high school in 4 years when students are absent between 5-9 days per semester

5-9 As little as 5-9 absences a semester can drop a student's GPA from a 3.0 to a 2.7

Course failures were attributed to:



For Elementary Schools

We Want to See Your Child Every Day

Did you know in Secondary School

For Secondary
Schools

- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty. We can help!
- Missing 10%, or 2 days a month, over the course of the school year, can affect a student's academic success.
- As little as 5-9 absences a semester can drop a student's GPA from a 3.0 to a 2.7

Being on time and present every day will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school, college and beyond.

First Things, First

- Aeries App
 - IMPORTANT: Check your child's assignments, grades and attendance often
- ParentSquare
 - To receive absence notifications, verify reason for absence, communicate directly with your child's teacher
- Your Current and Correct Contact Information
 - Do we have your **current** contact information including phone number, email and address?
 - Any changes in e-mail address and/or phone number should be made directly to our office.
 - Address changes will need to be submitted to our office staff

The Law

A pupil subject to compulsory full-time education or to compulsory continuation education who is

- absent from school without a valid excuse three full days in one school year or
- tardy or absent for more than a 30-minute period during the school day without a valid excuse on three occasions in one school year,
- or any combination thereof,

shall be classified as a truant and shall be reported to the attendance supervisor or to the superintendent of the school district.

*Paraphrased
code-responsibility of
parent/student*

When Your Child Needs to Miss School

Call the school on the day of an absence (as soon as possible) to report

- Confirm reason in detail; our school is obligated to ensure your student is safe
- If the absence has not been previously cleared by phone or email, the student must submit a written note signed by the parent/guardian to the office
- A note or doctor's note is required within **3 days** of the student returning to school
 - When a phone call or note is not received, your student will be marked as "unexcused"
- If you receive a notification that your child was marked absent, you can submit your note using the "Parent Square" Please confirm reason for student missing school that day.

Types of Absences

Examples of EXCUSED absences

- Illness or injury of the student, which necessitates the absence of the student, including COVID related illness or quarantine
- Medical or dental appointment; please bring note from doctor
- Attendance at the funeral of an immediate family member
- Appearance in court
- Observance of holiday or ceremony of his/her religion
- Family Emergency

Examples of UNEXCUSED absences:

- Vacations extending beyond school breaks
- Over-sleeping
- Traffic delays
- Car not working
- Keeping student home to watch siblings
- Unverified absences



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Resources Are Available

- Examples of support available to you:
 - Social Emotional Resources
 - Family Resource Center
 - Counseling
 - Health Resources
 - Mentoring/Tutoring
 - Additional Learning Support/Opportunities (after-school, credit recovery)

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Need help with something not listed above - reach out to us, we have access to many services to help!

Attendance Incentives

MONTHLY CLASSROOM ATTENDANCE COMPETITIONS:

Attendance Trophy for the Month

INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY PERFECT ATTENDANCE (subject to change)

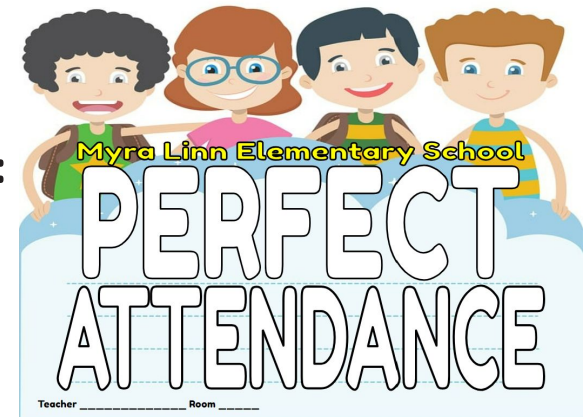
Examples: Popsicles, Candy Bar, Candy Coated Pretzel Rod, Hot Chocolate, Free Admission to our next Dance, Blow Pops, Food Coupon, Bubble party, Pizza party, Dance Party

CLASS INCENTIVE: 17 DAY PERFECT ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE:

Color in (PERFECT ATTENDANCE) sheet

SEMESTER AWARD RECOGNITION FOR PERFECT ATTENDANCE

END OF THE YEAR AWARD RECOGNITION FOR PERFECT ATTENDANCE



Upcoming Important Dates

- Upcoming Holidays
- Upcoming Testing
- Field Trips
- Events at school

School calendars are available on the website.
A printed copy is available today, including school events.

Final Thoughts...

- **The single most important thing a parent can do is make sure your child is at school every day.**
 - Regular School Attendance is the number one predictor of student success
- **Reminders & Tips:**
 - Establish or re-establish a routine to ensure your child is on time and present everyday- every minute counts
 - Talk about school in a positive way, ask your child questions about their school day
 - Your student should remain at home if they are ill, contact your school as soon as possible
 - Avoid scheduling doctor/dental appointments during school hours whenever possible
 - Although tempting, don't schedule or extend vacations when your child will miss valuable learning time.
 - Reach out for help if/when you or your child need it.

We are in this together!

Please reach out to me – we're here to help!

- Our attendance policy is posted of handbook/attendance policy
- Please let us know if you need additional support or access to resources!
- I am available to speak with you individually and set up a meeting.
- Volunteer opportunities - See handout on the back of school calendar
- Participate in School events - pre-register to expedite the process

Thank you for coming today!

We are here to support you and your child.

Download Attendance Letter

<https://www.alvordschools.org/domain/3817>

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Greatness Within's



Back to School Festival

PreK
- 12

Saturday, August 5th

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Alvord Unified
is proud to host at
La Sierra High

4145 La Sierra Ave, Riverside, CA 92505

150 Free Backpacks w/school supplies,
Refreshments! Free Haircuts!
and more!

