

Messaging: 8. Kindergarten Excellent Attendance flyer\_Eng

Los Angeles Unified School District

**If students are not in school, they cannot learn.**

**Keep it under 7.**

**Every day matters.**

**What Parents Can Do**

**Parents are their child’s first teacher.**

* Talk regularly to your child about attending school every day so that they graduate from high school
* Help your child to learn and get into the habit of regular routines
* Attend parent-teacher conferences and regularly monitor your child’s progress
* Plan family vacations during school breaks so that your child does not miss a day of learning

**What Schools Do**

**Schools are responsible for building safe, welcoming learning environments.**

* Motivate all students to attend school every day through positive incentives and recognitions
* Support every individual student with their learning, and be available to support parents
* Reach out to parents of children with absences with a call home or an email
* Address barriers to attendance by connecting families to school and community resources

**What You Should Know**

**Educational studies show that students who attend school more often do better in school.**

* Students who are chronically absent in preschool, kindergarten, and first grade are less likely to read at grade level by third grade
* Students who do not read at grade level by the end of third grade are four times more likely than proficient readers to drop out of high school
* For every day missed, it takes a child three or more to make up for lost instructional time

**What Students Learn**

**Kindergarten is your child’s first step to prepare for graduation.**

Students will:

* Learn the Common Core and State Standards curriculum
* Develop the skills in Literacy, Mathematics, Science, and Social Sciences
* Grow socially and emotionally by working and interacting with other students

Predicts Success

Excellent Attendance in Kindergarten