



Clairton Elementary School

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2017-2018 School Year Missed More Than Two?

It is hard to believe, but the mid-point of the 1st marking period is here! Monday, September 18 was the 20th day of school. Has your child missed more than (2) days of school so far? If so, he/she is chronically absent. What is chronic absence?

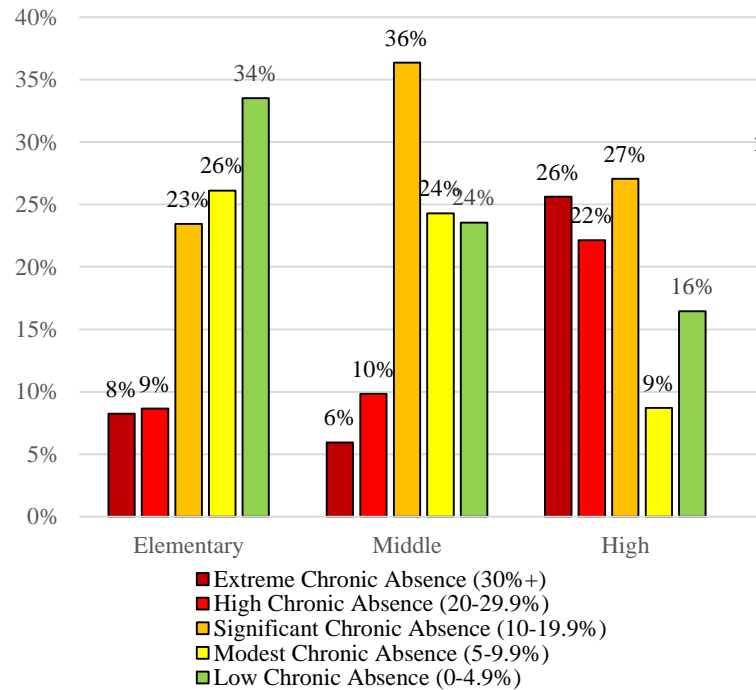
Chronic absence is a measure of how much school a child misses for any reason. Attendance Works is a national and state resource that promotes better policy and practice around school attendance. Their data suggests 1 in 10 and even up to 1 in 4 kindergarten students miss a month of school every year. Unfortunately, the rates only get higher by middle and high school.



Research shows:

- Too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school
- Missing 10% or about 18 days/year can make it harder to learn to read
- Missing only (2) days/month adds up to 10% of the school year
- Being late to school typically leads to poor attendance

Chronic Absence Levels for Pennsylvania Schools Vary by Grades Served



What Can You Do?

- Keep a regular bedtime and the same morning routine
- Put out clothes and get backpacks ready the night before
- Don't let your child stay home unless he/she is truly sick
- Have back-up plans for getting to school by teaming up with other families
- Avoid medical appointments and extended vacations when school is in session

Open House Turn Out!

I would like to take this opportunity and thank all of our families who attended our annual Open House this month. I am happy to report over 260 classroom visits occurred in just two hours!

In addition to meeting teachers and learning about curriculum, families were able to stop by the Scholastic Book Fair and the Title I table to take home a free book. The 1st Grade Bake Sale earned over \$340 for their October field trip to Triple B Farms. Information was also available on school meals, Adagio Power Up, the Girl Scouts, TCV Community Services, and Title I Policies and Family Engagement.



Be Ready to Smile!

Please be sure to mark your calendars for the morning of Thursday, September 28th. We will Strawbridge Studios, Inc. here taking individual pictures of students. The company does an excellent job and provides many package options. Information on photo packages can be found at www.strawbridge.net. Payment can be made online or sent to school with your child on the morning of September 28th. More information and an envelope for returning money will be sent home with students. Please be on the lookout!



- **4Sight Assessments / Grades 3-5**
 - Wed-Thu, September 19-20
- **Progress Reports Mailed**
 - Thursday, September 21
- **Hall of Fame Induction / Tickets \$20**
 - Thursday, September 21 @ 6:00
- **CommUNITY Day / 12:00-5:00 PM**
 - Saturday, September 23
- **School Picture Day**
 - Thursday, September 28
- **Kindness Counts Celebration**
 - Wednesday, October 5
- **ACT 80 Day – No School for Students**
 - Friday, October 13



Thank You! Thank You!

Clairton Elementary School has been very fortunate to be the recipient of several donations of school supplies. We would like to thank the following individuals and/or organizations:

- The Batch Foundation
- MOMS Club – South Hills
- Traveler's Insurance
- Atria's – South Hills
- UPMC – Dignity & Respect Campaign
- Family Members and Colleagues of our Staff and Students