

WCAC NEWSLETTER September 2017

ATTENDANCE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

SEPTEMBER 2017



ENGAGEMENT = ATTENDANCE



#SCHOOLEVERYDAY

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www.worthschools.net

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IMPORTANT DATES

- 9/4 Labor Day- No school**
- 9/5 Annual Title I Meeting 5-6 PM**
- 9/12 Progress Reports**
- 9/22 First Day of Autumn**
- 9/25-9/29 Fall Break-- No school**



ATTENDANCE REMINDERS:

- If a student is absent for more than 1.5 hours but less than 4 hours, he/she is marked absent for half a day.
- If a student is absent for 4 or more hours, he/she will be marked absent the whole day.
- Students are tardy if they come in after 8 a.m.

SCHOOL MATTERS! ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW!!



Parent input is needed and appreciated year round here at WCAC. All parents are invited to attend the revision meetings for the School-Parent Compact and Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy.

Meetings Dates: Thursday, September 21st @ 9:00 AM

Wednesday, October 4th @ 10 AM

Thursday, October 19th @ 11:00 AM

You may come by the school any time during the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. to give input. Ask for Alicia Hill, Parent Engagement Coordinator

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**WORTH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
PURPOSE, DIRECTION, & BELIEFS**

Purpose Statement

To ensure a quality education for all students leading to graduation and productive citizenship.

Direction

- Our vision for Worth County Schools is for our graduation rate to reach 80% or above, and for students to meet or exceed established accountability measures.
- We will achieve this vision by providing high expectations, a relevant and rigorous curriculum, data driven standards-based instructional practices, appropriate, interventions, and celebrations of success as we move forward.
- As a result of our success we will attract and retain high quality teachers, provide a foundation for community economic growth, and prepare graduates for post-secondary success.

Beliefs

- All students can learn and are unique learners;
- Education is a shared responsibility of the student, home, school, and community;
- Schools should maintain a safe and structured learning environment;
- All students should meet or exceed educational standards provided by a rigorous and relevant curriculum;
- All decisions should be driven by accurate and relevant data;
- College and career readiness activities prepare students for the future workforce;
- Students engaged in co- and extra- curricular activities perform better;
- Readily accessible technology resources improve teaching and learning;
- The system should employ and retain highly qualified personnel who demonstrate a high degree of professionalism;
- Job embedded professional learning results in improved instruction and increased student achievement;
- Prompt and regular attendance by all leads to improved performance;
- Effective and open communication is essential for the achievement of educational goals.

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Pay Attention to Attendance: Keep Your Child On Track in Middle and High School

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school.

Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job.

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, regular and high attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.

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- **Missing 10 percent, or about 18 days, of the school year can drastically affect a student's academic success.**
- **Attendance is an important life skill that will help your child graduate from college and keep a job. Make school attendance a priority**
- **Try not to schedule dental and medical appointments during the school day.**

Make sure teachers know how to contact you. • Stay on top of your child's social contacts.

- **Know the school's attendance policy - incentives and penalties**

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