

Attendance Policy

Your child's attendance patterns often have a direct link with their achievement. Frequent absences hurt academic performance. California State Law mandates that children be on time and attend school daily. Student absences will only be excused for the reasons listed below.

Excused Absences:

- Student illness
- Student medical appointment
- Bereavement of an immediate family member
- Observance of a religious holiday

For any of the above reasons, parents must notify the NP³ school office within 24 hours.

For planned absences of more than 3 days, please review the [Independent Study Policy](#) to determine whether the absence qualifies for Independent Study.

Absence Procedure

You may inform the school of your student's absence by phoning the front office or providing a written note stating the reason and date(s) of the absence(s).

Front Office Phone Numbers:

NP³ Middle and High School: 916-567-5740

NP³ Elementary School: 916-567-5890

Chronic Absenteeism

On-time, regular school attendance is critical to academic success. Absences from school affect the student's education, decrease academic achievement, and directly impact our school funding. NP³ students and families commit to regular attendance at school.

The State of California - California Education Code section 60901 (c) (1) - considers a student to be chronically absent when they miss 10% of the school year. Any student who misses ten (10) full school days or equivalent will be placed on attendance watch, and a formal Student Support Team (SST) meeting may be convened. Students on attendance watch may not participate in any extracurricular activities during the term of the attendance watch (productions, field trips, sports, etc.). Students who miss fifteen (15) full school days or equivalent will be considered chronically absent and must provide a doctor's note for any additional absences in that school year.

NP³ Attendance Review Team

1. The attendance review team shall direct the parent/guardian that no further unexcused absences or tardies shall be permitted.
2. The parent/guardian may be required to sign a contract formalizing the agreement by the parent/guardian to improve the child's attendance or face additional administrative action. The contract will identify the corrective actions required in the future, and indicate that the attendance review team shall have the authority to order one or more of the following consequences for non-compliance with the terms of the contract:
 1. Parent/guardian to attend school with the child for one day
 2. Required school counseling
 3. Loss of field trip privileges
 4. Loss of school event privileges
 5. Alternative school day (e.g., Saturday School, intersession, etc.)
 6. Required remediation plan as set by the NP³ Administration

*Notice of action recommended by the attendance review team will be provided in writing to the parent/guardian.

NP³ COVID-19 Policies and Procedures

As we continue to live with COVID-19 in our community, NP³ will continue to monitor and follow local recommendations and guidance from Sacramento County Public Health.

Prioritizing Vaccination

Vaccination is our best protection against COVID-19. While the vaccine may not always prevent infection, it has been proven to reduce the severity of infection, resulting in fewer hospitalizations and deaths. All students and family members 6 months and older are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated and boosted, when eligible. To find a vaccination clinic, please go to [My Turn - California](https://myturn.ca.gov) (myturn.ca.gov).

Stay Home when Sick and Get Tested

Students, teachers, and staff who have symptoms of infectious disease, such as influenza (flu) or COVID-19 are required to stay home and should contact their healthcare provider for testing and care.