



Camdenton R-III School District

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Consistent school attendance is an absolute prerequisite for success at the Camdenton R-III School District. We will be implementing new attendance procedures for the 2016-2017 school year. The district believes regular daily attendance, along with active and regular participation in learning, leads to improved student achievement. Regular school attendance also promotes a level of responsibility that will develop and prepare students for adulthood, for the workforce, and to be contributing members of our community. Attendance and punctuality are extremely important career skills. It is the goal of the district to emphasize the importance of these characteristics to our students in order to be career ready.

While preparing our students for successful careers beyond high school, the district works to be in compliance with the Missouri Compulsory Attendance laws, the guidelines of the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and the United States Department of Education. The Missouri and United States Department of Education have set a 90% school attendance threshold, citing that students missing more than 10% of school days are considered chronically truant.

Student attendance will be tracked with an average daily attendance percentage. The average daily attendance rate includes any student absences, early check-outs, or late check-ins. Student attendance is handled on an individual case-by-case basis for consideration for health or family emergencies. The district will continue to reward student attendance with privileges and special activities.

*When a student's average daily attendance reaches 90%, building administrators or counselors will reach out to parents and plan for support and improvement for the student.

*When the a student's average daily attendance rate reaches 88%, the building administrator or counselor will work with the family to determine if any additional supports are needed.

*When the average daily attendance rate reaches 85%, the building administrator may seek additional community support from the Children's Division or the Juvenile Justice Center if there is a suspicion of educational neglect.

Parents are still asked to call in by 9:00 a.m. each day to report if their child will not be at school for that day. Beginning for the 2016-2017 school year, absences will be identified as verified or unverified. Verified absences are absences with official documentation such as a doctor note, college visit note, driver's license note, funeral program, or court appearance documentation. Unverified absences are absences without official documentation.

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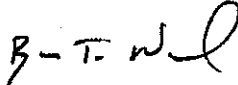
High school students will be permitted a maximum of eight absences per class per semester. High school students will not earn credit for a class if the student is considered absent nine or more times per semester in each of their classes. In the event students miss nine or more days of a class, they may appeal to the Attendance Committee within ten days after the semester ends for individual consideration for their circumstance.

In an effort to keep our parents and community updated, we are sending this out to you this spring so you are aware of the changes for next school year.

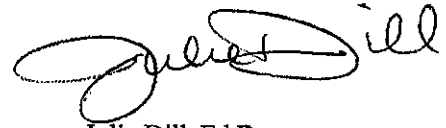
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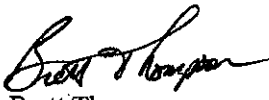
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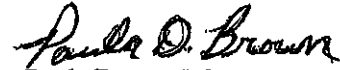
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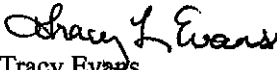
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High School Principal



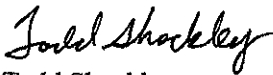
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Middle School Principal



Tracy Evans
Oak Ridge Intermediate Principal



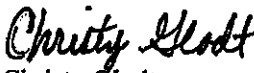
Todd Shockley
Hawthorn Elementary Principal



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