

*Important Attendance Information from the
Plainfield Community Consolidated School District*

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Dear Plainfield School District 202 Families,

Welcome back to another great year of learning. We look forward to guiding our students toward their best possible potential. Please remember this is best achieved when students have excellent attendance. Frequent absences and tardiness has a negative impact on learning, as well as a negative impact on resources available for the entire district.

It is very important that students attend school every possible day, as student attendance is reported to the District's Attendance Officer, the Regional Office of Education (ROE) and to the State. The Attendance Officer will work with families and schools in order to resolve attendance issues. Improving our district's attendance will help schools provide the best possible resources for students, and will help prevent the involvement of the Will County ROE.

Two important attendance changes for this school year relate to vacation absences, and young students who are employed (such as modeling). First, in accordance with the Illinois State Compulsory Code, the Regional Office of Education, and Illinois Labor Laws, students absent for vacations will be documented as unexcused/truant.

Lastly, excluding High School work programs, students who have a work permit and are employed are not excused from attending school. Employment should not interfere with educational goals whatsoever.

Thank you for your understanding as we strive for attendance improvement.