



Reaching New Heights



December 13, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian,

All schools will be closed for winter break between December 18, 2017, and January 5, 2018. We urge every student to be present at school through Friday, December 15, and to plan to return back to school on Monday, January 8.

Student attendance on these days is just as critical as attendance throughout the school year. Every day a student is absent results in a missed opportunity for learning, as well as a loss of resources for students, schools, and classrooms.

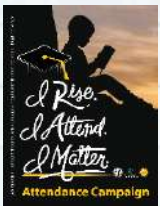
The District is launching a campaign – called **I Rise. I Attend. I Matter.** – to raise awareness about the importance of daily attendance. (See information below).

The District's goal is for students to have no more than 7 absences throughout the year. This means having no more than 1 absence per 25 days of instruction. Please see the chart on this page, and the calendar on the back, to help track your student's absences and meet this goal.

In addition, we have included tips in this letter to help your student stay healthy and academically prepared during the winter months.

Thank you, again, for your continued partnership in helping ensure that all students achieve their fullest potential. Have a wonderful winter break and holiday season!

Vivian Ekchian, Acting Superintendent



To learn more about the **I Rise. I Attend. I Matter.** Attendance Campaign, please visit achieve.lausd.net/pupilservices or call Pupil Services at (213) 241-3844.



- 🍎 **Let's promote a healthy lifestyle** by eating balanced meals, having breakfast daily, dressing warmly and washing hands frequently.
- 🍎 **Let's talk to our students regularly** about their plans for the future and the importance of their education.
- 🍎 **Let's plan for the weather:** Ensure your child comes to school, even on rainy days.
- 🍎 **Let's partner together:** Schools and parents are partners. Stay connected with your child's teachers and school staff.
- 🍎 **Let's celebrate successes:** Encourage your child to attend daily, using the calendar on the back of this letter to track and celebrate her or his progress.
- 🍎 **Let's stay connected:** Stay informed on your child's progress using the Parent Access Support System Portal (PASSport): passport.lausd.net

We are a team!

LAUSD GOAL = 7 OR FEWER ABSENCES ALL YEAR

This means having **NO MORE THAN 1** absence per 25 DAYS OF INSTRUCTION

- ✓ By **September 20**, no more than **1** absence!
- ✓ By **October 26**, no more than **2** absences!
- ✓ By **December 8**, no more than **3** absences!
- ✓ By **February 5**, no more than **4** absences!
- ✓ By **March 13**, no more than **5** absences!
- ✓ By **April 25**, no more than **6** absences!
- ✓ By **May 31**, no more than **7** absences!



LAUSD GOAL: 7 or FEWER ABSENCES ALL YEAR LONG



I Rise. I Attend. I Matter.

Count your child's absences between August 15th and December 15th and write it in the box.
This will help you obtain a true total of your child's absences this school year.

Absences
Aug. 15th - Dec. 15th

Mark an "X" for full day absences.

JANUARY						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	2 nd Semester begins January 8 th ★					6
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			
Number of absences this month:						

FEBRUARY						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			
Number of absences this month:						

MARCH						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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Number of absences this month:						

APRIL						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					
Number of absences this month:						

MAY						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Number of absences this month:						

JUNE						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Number of absences this month:						

Place this calendar in a visible area to monitor attendance.
For more information, visit the Pupil Services website: achieve.lausd.net/pupilservices

NO MORE THAN 1 absence per 25 DAYS OF INSTRUCTION	Not an Instructional Day (SCHOOL HOLIDAY)
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