

## ATTENDANCE NEWS



### WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL FROM YOUR SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER!

Dear parents and students,  
I am so happy to be a part of the Lomax staff as a school social worker. I'm looking forward to partnering with families, staff, and students this school year to increase regular daily attendance for each student.

One of the first steps in school success is ensuring consistent, on-time school attendance. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to me! It is going to be an awesome school year.



### TIME CHECK

8:15 am School opens for arrival/breakfast

8:45 am Tardy bell

3:00pm Dismissal (2:00 pm on early-release Mondays).

### TIPS TO HELP YOUR CHILD GET TO SCHOOL DAILY:

- ✓ Set regular bedtimes and morning routines.
- ✓ Lay out clothes and backpacks the night before.
- ✓ Avoid letting your child stay home unless he or she is truly sick. Sometimes complaints of stomachache or headache can be a sign of anxiety. Talk to your child's teacher/school personal.
- ✓ Develop back up plans to get to school if your child misses the bus or carpool is unavailable.
- ✓ Utilize your student services team and talk to your school social worker if other circumstances arise.



### ATTENDANCE LINE:

Remember if you child is going to be absent to call the school at **813-276-5569, & press 1**. If there is no answer leave a message with your child's first and last name, date, and reason for the absence. Please also communicate with your child's teacher regarding the absence.

### DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT?

Have your student bring in a doctor's note to Mrs. Martin in the front office to have an absence/tardy excused.

### QUIZ TIME:

**Q:** How many days are students expected to be absent each school year?

**A: 10 or less.** Research shows that students who miss 10 or more days in a school year are less likely to graduate high school than those students who regularly attend.



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