



PEACE WAPITI PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION

HERE FOR ME. HERE FOR YOU.

Working together to improve student attendance. | NOVEMBER



**Every day counts
in your child's
education**

We strive to engage your child in learning using the guidelines set out in our Quality Learning Environment (QLE) model and document. The QLE was created by PWPSD teachers and focuses on creating quality teaching and learning environments.

The QLE is research-driven and is designed to accommodate new knowledge and realities, evolving as research expands. We invite you to view the interactive model at www.pwpsd.ca/services/curriculum/Pages/successful_learner.aspx.



Educating today for success tomorrow

We strive to provide the best possible educational experience for your child. Our mission statement, *Educating today for success tomorrow*, speaks to our desire to see your child attending school every day to build their success. By working together, we can create a positive culture that encourages, supports and places high value on school attendance. The chart below outlines how quickly absences add up, building to levels that can make learning difficult for your child.

Benefits of regular attendance:

- Higher grades
- Lifelong friendships
- Contentment/happiness
- Better outcomes in life

Missing one or two days per week doesn't seem like much, but...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	Over 13 years of schooling, that is...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	More than 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	More than 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

Even being 10 minutes late per day will affect your child...

He/she is missing...	That equals...	Which is...	Over 13 years of schooling, that is...
10 min per day	50 min per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year
20 min per day	1 hour, 40 min per week	More than 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 min per day	½ day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	3 days per week	8 weeks per year	More than 2 ½ years

Source: Kirtan Point Primary School Facebook post

What the research says:

Staying on track for graduation

Researchers studied a group of Grade 9s and found that attendance in this transitional year was a key indicator of whether students would finish high school. The study also found attendance and studying more predictive of dropout than test scores or other student characteristics. In fact, Grade 9 attendance was a better predictor of dropout than Grade 8 results.

[What Matters for Staying On-track and Graduating in Chicago Public High Schools: A Close Look at Course Grades, Failures, and Attendance in the Freshman Year](#)

