



## ATTENDANCE AT MVRHS

### WELCOME

We are excited to welcome you to a new school year filled with many opportunities to learn and engage! At MVRHS we are always striving to make our environment a place where everyone feels a sense of belonging, safety, and ability to learn to their full potential.

**Attending school regularly is one of the essential keys for students to fulfill this and gain the academic, social and emotional skills they need to thrive.** As students grow more independent, families still play a key role in making sure they access learning opportunities and understand why attendance is so important for success in high school.

We hope you will let us partner with you to help support and influence the decisions your student makes to be a positive, successful part of our school community and their future.

### DID YOU KNOW?



To stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation and in accordance with Massachusetts law, students should not be absent from school more than nine days a year.



By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.



Missing 10%, or 2 days a month, over the course of the school year, can impact a student's academic success.



Getting into the habit of daily attendance is important. It helps to:

- Reduce stress
- Make it easier to connect with friends, peers and teachers
- Support learning

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

### **Make school attendance and punctuality a priority**

- ✓ Discuss the importance of showing up to school every day, on time.
- ✓ Be sure we have your correct contact information where we can reach you.
- ✓ Sign up for PowerSchool alerts to keep track of your student's daily attendance.
- ✓ Help your teen maintain daily routines
- ✓ Try not to schedule dental and/or medical appointments during the school day.
- ✓ If your student is sick, make sure they have communicated with teachers for resources and material to make up for the missed learning time in the classroom.

### **Help your teen stay engaged**

- ✓ Find out if your student feels engaged by their classes and comfortable in the school environment.
- ✓ Monitor your student's progress and seek support from teachers or guidance counselors when necessary.
- ✓ Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school and cutting classes, while students without many friends may feel isolated.
- ✓ Encourage your student to join meaningful after-school activities.

### **Communication is a two way process!**

- ✓ Familiarize yourself with our attendance policy which can be found in the Student Handbook.
- ✓ Check on your student's attendance to make sure absences are not adding up.
- ✓ Do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have questions or concerns.

## ON OUR END

You will receive notification every two weeks with the number of daily absences your student has. We hope this system helps you celebrate great attendance and monitor any concerning numbers.

**Any questions about attendance, please contact the front office:**

508-693-1033 x110 or [attendance@mvrhs.org](mailto:attendance@mvrhs.org)

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