

## **Attendance Policy**

The purpose of the WSESU Attendance policy is to ensure that students and their families have support for attending school. The intent is to ensure that all students are in school and learning. Regular school attendance is critical to successful school performance and to maintain healthy connections with peers.

In addition, regular attendance to school helps create healthy communities between staff and families. The WSESU Attendance Council has created a policy for all schools and families to follow. A copy of the WSESU Attendance Policy and Parent Guide are included in the BTSD Handbook. While Oak Grove recognizes the value of educational enrichment opportunities which may impact a student's daily attendance, we will continue to mark your child absent from school on their permanent record.

Outstanding Attendance is recognized monthly and then at the end of the school year for students who miss fewer than 3 school days. For students who have excused appointments, he or she must be in school for a minimum of 4 hours in order to be eligible for an Outstanding Attendance award.

## **Calling the office when your child will be absent**

If your child is ill it is best to keep them home where they can recover and recuperate. We value having students in school each day, but we know there are times when it is best to keep them home and away from other children. Please keep your child at home when he or she has symptoms of illness during the day or night before school, such as a fever over 100 degrees, nausea, vomiting, stomach upset, body aches or persistent cough. Your child should be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine before returning to school.

If your child is going to be absent from school, please call the school secretary, Tricia Hill, at 254-3740 as soon as possible. If we do not hear from you we will begin calling your home as early as 9am. If by 10am we have not been able to contact you, we shall contact the Brattleboro Police Department. Calling the police is part of our obligation to ensure that all children who are not in school are safe and supervised. The Brattleboro Police work with our schools as partners to make certain children in our community are safe and not in distress.