FRANKLIN PARISH
SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Power of Presence: LDOE Attendance Initiative

Major Points for Parents/Guardians

- Students' first day is AUGUST 6th! Attendance starts the first day of school!
- LDOE recognizes the value of presence in the classroom, whether the absence is excused or unexcused. (Excused just means that the student can make up the work and won't be considered truant.)
- Excused absences DO COUNT towards your child's attendance.
- Students will be given FIVE (5) parent notes for excused absences. These five notes INCLUDE EARLY CHECK OUTS OR LATE ARRIVALS TO SCHOOL. Use your parent notes wisely. Please refrain from arriving late to school or from checking your child out early. PRESENCE IN THE CLASSROOM MATTERS!
- Pre-K students have the same attendance requirements as all other students.

DRIVING PRIVILEGES FOR HIGH SCHOOL

- If late arrivals or early departures become a problem, then a student could lose driving privileges.
  - Arrive on time. Park in your newly painted parking spot, and exit your vehicle.
  - Leave after your last class.

Child Welfare and Attendance Supervisor

- I commit to you, as Child Welfare and Attendance Supervisor, that I will do everything in my power to assist you as we work together to address obstacles to your children attending school. You can contact me at rbonner@fpsb.us or call me at (318) 435-9046 to discuss any issues that you have. (I respond faster to emails, since I won't be sitting in the office.) I will be sending out the district's entire attendance policy as soon as the board approves. Together, we will strive to give your child/children a quality education! Rebecca Bonner, CWA Supervisor

FINS Officer

- Another new addition to the district attendance team is Mr.Todd Roberts.
- Mr. Roberts is the new FINS officer, replacing Mr. Ken Blackson after Mr. Blackson retired.
- Mr. Roberts will be assisting in removing barriers to your child's attendance in school. He will work directly with the court system to ensure school attendance as mandated by state law.

The Power of Presence Website

- For complete guidelines from the state department, please feel free to visit the Power of Presence landing page.
- https://doe.louisiana.gov/docs/default-source/operations/the-power-of-presence---ldoe-attendance-strategy.pdf

Let’s make this school year the best one yet!