

# Parent Coffee

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# 01

## FCPS VIDEO





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ITS

IMPORTANCE



## ITS IMPORTANCE

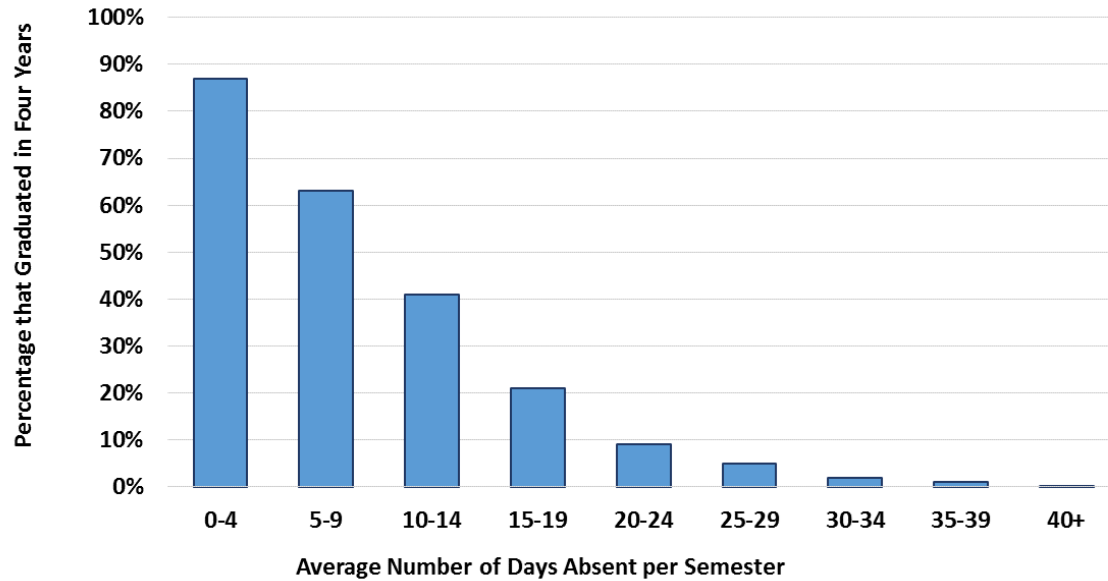


## ABSENTEEISM

- Regular attendance in 8th grade is a better predictor of on-time graduation than 8th grade test scores.
- Chronic absenteeism(missing 10% or more of the school year) is among the strongest predictors of students dropping out of high school.

# ITS IMPORTANCE

Missing Classes Puts Graduation at Risk



# Twain Middle School Attendance Data

## Chronic Absenteeism Detail

Data Source	Less than 10% Absenteeism	At or above 10% Absenteeism	Total Students	Rate
2023 - 2024	860	126	986	12.78
2022 - 2023	790	203	993	20.44
2021 - 2022	893	119	1012	11.76



# Twain Middle School Attendance Data

Virginia law requires that all children between the ages of 5 and 18 be enrolled in school and attend every day.

## EXCUSED ABSENCE

- Illness or medical appointment
- Religious observance
- Death of a family member
- School-sponsored field trips, sporting events, and competitions



## UNEXCUSED ABSENCE

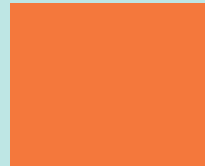
- Missing the bus
- Oversleeping
- Providing childcare for siblings
- Family Trips



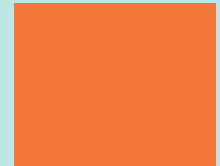
# Addressing Chronic Absenteeism



**5 Day Letters/Plan**



**10 Day  
Letters/Conferences**



**Court Referral**

# 03

## ENCOURAGING ATTENDANCE



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## DAILY ROUTINES

Help your child maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.



## KEEPING ENGAGED IN THEIR EDUCATION

Ask questions about what your student is learning in school, use ParentVUE to check progress, and seek help from teachers or tutors.



## AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Encourage meaningful after-school activities, including sports and clubs.



## COMMUNICATING WITH SCHOOL STAFF

Reach out to your child's **school counselor** or **social worker** if you are experiencing tough times.

# 04 RESOURCES



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## ATTENDANCE POLICY

**Students may be absent for identified reasons, yet parents must call the front office to notify the school of said changes.**

**Parents are also able to mark a student absent using the Twain Website and filling out the Attendance Form.**

**This can also be used for late arrivals, or early releases.**

# RESOURCES

## PARENT VUE

**Access to view your child's student information, including attendance, report cards, class schedules, grade book (for Middle and High School students), course history, discipline, health, and school information.**

[Navigating SIS ParentVUE - YouTube](#)



# Resources

## Family Academy Website

The FCPS Family Academy is where families like yours can learn and get support for their child's school journey.

We know that as a parent or caregiver, you're important in your child's education. The Family Academy compiles classes, webinars, workshops, and programs offered by Fairfax County Public Schools to help you support your child's needs and learning at home. The Family Academy also includes information about resources available to help you ensure your student has what they need to succeed.





# 05 QUESTIONS

