**State and District Attendance Requirements**

In order for your child to receive a quality education, he/she must be at school on a regular basis. When a student is not present in the classroom, that child misses valuable instructional time, and this can result in large gaps in learning over time. Our goal is to work with families to make sure students are at school on time as often as possible.

When a child is absent, the parent has 72 hours to provide the school office with a signed note documenting the reason the child missed school. Phone messages explaining absences are not acceptable forms of documentation. Parents of students with excessive unverified absences and/or missed "parts of days" are in violation of the Texas Compulsory Attendance Law.

 The following are approved district absences, if documented:

* Medical illness
* Board-approved extracurricular activities
* Medical appointments, screenings, etc.
* Juvenile or other court proceedings
* Absences required by state or local welfare authorities
* Approved college visitations for Juniors and Seniors only
* Death and/or serious illness of an immediate family member
* Religious holy days
* Family emergencies (approved by administrators)
* Weather and road conditions that make traveling dangerous
* Quarantine
* Deployment of immediate family members

Please visit the Denton ISD [**attendance website**](http://www.dentonisd.org/Page/1233) for other important information

An unexcused absence is an absence that does not meet the above state and district guidelines. An unverified absence is one that has not been appropriately documented, or one that may have been turned in within the 72 hour time frame, but the reason is not acceptable.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's attendance, please call the Paloma Creek office at (972) 347-7300. We look forward to working with you toward our common goal of your child's success at school.