

Ways Parents Can Help

- ❖ Your attitude toward school attendance sets the tone for your student's attitude. Be positive.
- ❖ Be firm about a regular bedtime and/or curfew for your student.
- ❖ Encourage your student to allow plenty of time for getting ready in the morning.
- ❖ Make sure your student has an alternate plan for getting to school on time if the bus or ride is missed.
- ❖ Make every possible effort to schedule doctor, dentist, and other appointments before and after school hours.
- ❖ Refuse to view tardiness as acceptable behavior.
- ❖ Refuse to write excused notes for anything other than a legitimate absence.
- ❖ Plan family vacations in accordance with the school calendar.
- ❖ If you know in advance that your student must be absent, request make up work so that he/she does not fall behind in classes.

We Are Here For You...

School Counselor - Works with students to assist in academic, personal/social and career development by conducting activities that include individual and group counseling and classroom guidance.

School Psychologist - Conducts individual assessments, provides group and individual counseling for students, and consults with parents and school staff.

Social Worker - Serves as a liaison between home, school and community agencies and is available for counseling, consulting and crisis intervention.

Attendance Officer - Makes home visits, conducts residency checks, represents the school system in court cases involving truant students, and works with other school staff and with community agencies in helping students attend school on a regular basis.

Student Assistance Program Specialist

Conducts individual assessments, runs support groups, refers for treatment, and provides education to parents, staff and community groups.

School Resource Officer

The School Resource Officer is a Prince William County police officer assigned to the school as a liaison between administrators, students, and the police department.

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The Importance of Regular School Attendance— A Parent's Guide



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