



PARENT'S GUIDE

How can Parents help?

- Talk about the importance of attending school everyday.
- YOU can have a big influence on your student's attendance.
- Check student attendance regularly through the RISD Parent Portal
- Schedule family trips during school holidays
- Become acquainted with your student's teachers, friends, and school campus
- Keep a personal calendar of your student's absences
- Be familiar with RISD's attendance policy and student handbook
- Turn in absence notes for each day of school missed

Facts

- Being tardy to school just 10 minutes a day every school year equals 30 hours of missed instruction
- When students miss school, the days missed cannot replace what they learned at school in the classroom from their teacher and with their peers.

Student Attendance and Success

- Consistent Attendance promotes consistent learning
- EVERY day of attendance counts!
- Elementary---learning to read/write/social skills
- Junior High—learning to pass important courses
- Junior High---start making a plan for high school graduation
- High School—staying on track for graduation and making postsecondary plans
- Employable Citizens
- have better social skills
- perform better on standardized test such as the STAAR, EOC, SAT, and ACT
- be more prepared for college or the workforce,
- stay out of trouble, and
- High school graduates earn, on average, about \$1,600 a month more than those with a GED (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2012)