Constellation Schools
Old Brooklyn Community Elementary

Every Day Counts!

Attendance & Punctuality Information for Families

2026–2027- School Year

Dear Families,

At Old Brooklyn Community Elementary, we want every child to be successful. One of the most important ways to help your child succeed is to make sure they come to school every day and arrive on time.

When students miss school, they miss important learning, classroom activities, and time with their teachers and friends. Even missing a little time here and there can add up quickly.

Why Attendance Matters

Students who attend school regularly:
✔ Learn more and keep up with their classmates
✔ Build strong reading and math skills
✔ Develop good habits and responsibility
✔ Feel connected to their teachers and friends
✔ Have a better chance of being successful in school

Ohio's New Attendance Law (House Bill 96)

Ohio has a new attendance law that focuses on helping students attend school regularly.
The law now looks at chronic absenteeism, which means a student has missed 10% or more of the school year, whether the absences are excused or unexcused.
Because every day matters, our school will reach out to families early if attendance becomes a concern so we can work together to help.

Excused Absences

Absences may be excused for reasons such as:

- Illness or medical appointments
- Illness of a family member
- Religious observances
- Death in the family
- Court appointments
- Family emergencies
- Foster care or housing-related situations
- Other reasons approved by the school

Please call the school whenever your child will be absent and provide any required documentation.

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Tardies and Early Pick-Ups

Being on time is important.

When students arrive late or leave early, they miss valuable learning time. Even a few minutes missed each day can add up over the school year.

Whenever possible:

- Arrive before the school day begins.
- Schedule appointments outside of school hours.
- Avoid early pick-ups unless necessary.

How We Will Support Families

If your child's attendance starts to become a concern, we will:

- Contact you to discuss the situation.
- Work with you to identify any challenges.
- Connect your family with available resources.
- Create an attendance support plan if needed.
- Continue to work together to help your child attend school regularly.

Our goal is to support families, remove barriers, and help every student succeed.

How You Can Help

You can help your child by:

- Creating a regular bedtime routine.
- Setting alarms and preparing for school the night before.
- Scheduling appointments outside of school hours whenever possible.
- Communicating with the school when challenges arise.
- Making daily attendance a priority.

We're Here to Help

We understand that families sometimes face challenges that can affect attendance. If you need assistance, please contact us. We want to partner with you to make sure your child is in school, learning, and growing every day.

Thank you for working with us to make the 2026–2027 school year a successful one!

Sincerely,

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