

Dear Monument Academy Families,

Getting off to a great start is essential as the school year begins. One critical factor to a successful school year is creating the habit of daily attendance at school. Daily attendance supports the learning process, reduces stress in children, and helps your student develop relationships with peers.

Some factors that help contribute to daily attendance are the following:

- Establishing routines, finding consistency in the evening, and providing enough morning time to prepare for school.
- Increased engagement in developing relationships with peers increases engagement in the learning environment.
- Higher levels of academic achievement are correlated to higher levels of attendance. This allows your student to receive teacher instruction and ask questions directly.

The handbook's attendance section has been updated this year. Please make sure that you read it, as there will be a strong focus on categorizing excused absences versus unexcused absences.

We are working to make our school environment a place where our students thrive in the learning environment, and this would not have been possible without your support. We aim to partner with families to ensure your student has a successful year.

Please report all absences before the start of school by:

Email the office attendance address before the start of school to report absences. When your student is absent, email the teacher to find assignments your student must include. You can also complete this by checking the student's Canvas page for assignments (secondary). The principal must approve extended pre-arranged absences of four or more days by submitting a pre-arranged absence form five school days before the absence.

Respectfully,

Collin Vinchattle