



JIM NED HIGH SCHOOL

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Go Big Red!

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TO: Jim Ned High School Parents and Guardians

FROM: Richard Payne, Principal

RE: Attendance Challenge

DATE: September 25, 2024

Welcome to the '24-'25 school year! The first six-weeks was a resounding success! As a new school year has begun, I would like to remind all parents and guardians the Jim Ned High School campus improvement plan calls for an **attendance goal of 96.5%**. At the conclusion of the first grading period, the high school attendance percentage sits at 95.28%. Thus, we must make strides to avoid unnecessary absences in order to reach our stated goal of 96.5%. Research has shown time and again, the number one variable that affects student achievement is attendance.

When students are absent (*excused or unexcused*), it significantly impacts students and the district in the following ways; lost instructional time and lost revenue.

Students are impacted by lost instructional time; if a student misses one day per week, they would accumulate 36 missed instructional days in one school year. This does not include the days a student misses class for extracurricular participation. Please see the chart attached to this letter to note the lost instructional time due to absences and student tardiness.

Additionally, to receive credit in any one course, **Texas state law** requires that a student attend class a minimum of 90% of the days that classes are in session;

- if your student has more than 8 excused and/or unexcused absences in the Fall Semester (or **9 in the Spring semester**) credit may not be awarded, and
- the school will provide alternative ways, including Saturday school, for your student to earn credit.

Also, the district is impacted by lost revenue of \$38 per student absence/per day. As the Jim Ned CISD faces the challenges of a lack of state funding provided to our district, this additional lost revenue negatively impacts our students.

Thank you for your help in making our school district one of the premier school districts in all Texas. Go Big Red!

Sincerely,

Richard Payne, Principal
Jim Ned High School

Attendance Matters!

1 or 2 days per week doesn't seem like much but.....

If your child misses...	That equals.....	Which is.....	And over 13 years of schooling that's.....
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

Tardiness Matters

How about 10 minutes late per day? Surely that won't affect my child?

He/She is only missing just.....	That equals.....	Which is.....	And over 13 years of schooling that is.....
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year
20 minutes per day	1hour 40 minutes per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 minutes per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years