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Working Together to Avoid Absences & Boost Achievement

Ocean View School District staff know how important it is to encourage all students to come to school every day. Research and experience tell us that students who regularly attend classes learn and achieve more. They are also more likely to graduate. We believe that working together, we can help children develop good habits early on, which will lead to better patterns throughout school and life.

The most recent California Schools Dashboard statistics reveal that 9 percent of California's K-8 students are chronically absent, which means they miss more than three weeks of school in a year. Some of this is due to illness, but it can also involve socio-economics, homelessness, and other factors.

In OVSD, we are focused on building developmental relationships with all students, so that they are ready to learn and look forward to coming to school each day. We support students through our Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Continuum and Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). We also collaborate with community organizations that can offer critical resources beyond the school day.

Here are some ways you can support your child's achievement in school.

1. Start young. Begin reinforcing the importance of learning when your child begins preschool and Kindergarten.
2. Relationships matter. Build and model connections with your school staff, from your child's classroom teacher to your school principal.
3. "Vacay" during breaks. Plan your family vacations around the school calendar.
4. Prioritize learning. Ensure that sports and extra-curricular activities allow for adequate time to complete reading and homework, as well as downtime.
5. Ask for help. If you are struggling to support your child's education, reach out to someone at your school.