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2023-2024

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HIGH HONORS

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6TH GRADE

**AURORA R
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ELIAS L
GIANNE RAE O
LIOSNIEL B
SEERAT K**

10TH GRADE

OSCAR L

7TH GRADE

**BIBLE G
GREYSEN K
HELIE R
KATELYNN V
BARON W
MERLYN H**

11TH GRADE

**MAXMILLIAN C
RUBEN E
TROY JAMES G
JACOB L
ZAKK P
DE'METRIUS S
YUVRAJ S
ALIYAH V
LOGAN W**

8TH GRADE

**ALEXA H
MIA W
OSCAR Z-G
YOAN Y
ADDISYN B
ADRIAN Y
GIOVANNI R
IZABELLA S
VICTOR A
CHLOE B
IVY O
LUKE S
MAXIMILIANO P
TIM N**

9TH GRADE

**OLIVIA B
MALINA B
YARIEL C
PEYTON J
MACIE M
SEBASTIAN M-P**

12TH GRADE

**QUINN B
ARIEL C
MARY C
KASH D
BRADEN G
JONATHAN L
GIANNA O
ROJOMAE PP
ASHLEY RA
ELLA S
BRIANNA S**

FIRST SEMESTER HONOR ROLL

2023-2024

SECONDARY

HONORS

GPA 3.50 TO 3.749

6TH GRADE

**ALICE I
LUKE D
SOPHIA IC
RAE LYNN F
AARON R
EMYL CD
JAYDEN H**

10TH GRADE

**KAIYA F
MIGUEL G-S
HOLLY S**

7TH GRADE

**ALEXANDER W
ANDREW R
BRYNN P
EZEKIEL H
JUVANNY C
CHARLIE B
NOAH K
TAYLOR C**

11TH GRADE

**JOSEPH C
BELLA D
SONYA P
JAYDEN R
JADEN R
JASMIN S**

8TH GRADE

**ALLEIGH F
ALYSSA R
BRAYLON B
GISELL H
KASSANDRA H
MARK M
JACK M
KELCEY P
NESSA C
YSABELLE D
DORIAN W**

9TH GRADE

SHARON AC

12TH GRADE

MELVIN V

FIRST SEMESTER HONOR ROLL

2023-2024

SECONDARY

HONORABLE MENTION

GPA 3.00 TO 3.49

6TH GRADE

REBEKAH B	CADE R
IKER GT	IVAN CP
DASH A	QUINN U
ALEDI G	ROCHELLE P
BELLA G	ELLE E
ISAAC P	KEVIN D
ALEKSZANDER M-B	MARJAYLAH P
KIRA W	SABA R
MARY AUDREY I	THOMAS R

7TH GRADE

ANTHONY L
AUTUMN S
HARLEY D
MALAKAI G
TALIYAH T
AR'RYHANNA A
CALEB S
JOEY S
LEAL H
MATTHEW V
ELLIOTT E-M
JULIAN S
NYOMI UA
SHAN M

8TH GRADE

KOURTNEE R
MADIELYNN M
LOGAN C-Z
VICTORIA W
ALLYSON C-S
EDWARD P-I
GENNESIS L-M
SHAKTI CD

FIRST SEMESTER HONOR ROLL

2023-2024

SECONDARY

HONORABLE MENTION

GPA 3.00 TO 3.49

9TH GRADE

**MADRID A
ARIANNA F
SILUS G
SINCERE G
BRAYDEN M
HEAVEN R**

10TH GRADE

**CARMELLA A
ALLYONNA A
EVAN B-H
JACOB B
KAIYA B
YANIEL C
MELODY F
RONALDO FM
KOOROSH R
SAVANNA S**

11TH GRADE

**TRISTAN ER
RICHARD F
EMILY L
ANTHONY L-M
ARIANNA M
ANTHONY P
CADENCE R
STEWART S**

12TH GRADE

**JASMINE CM
DECLAN P
IAN P
GWENAVERE T**

FIRST SEMESTER HONOR ROLL

2023-2024

ELEMENTARY

KINDERGARTEN

A HONOR ROLL

LIAM A
BRIDGETT B
ANNAIRA B
AMIAS B
ISSAC B
JAXTYN C
EMERY F
LEONARDO R
MIA S
AZRAEL V

A-B HONOR ROLL

ZION B
MAKANI B
MIA C-M
ALEX CS
ANNALISA D
CARTER D
JAKOB G
BEARETT J
VALARIE J
AZARIYA K
LEXY K

ZARIAH M
ADRIANNA M
EVELYN M
OLLIE M
MORGAN P
SAMANTHA R
ANTHONY R
ARIELLA R
HELIOS R

JOY R
NATALIA S
INARAH S
MIA S
ANTHONY T
ZOE V

FIRST SEMESTER HONOR ROLL

**2023-2024
ELEMENTARY**

FIRST GRADE

A HONOR ROLL

**HERNAN A
PENELOPE D
JAXON P
SKY U**

A-B HONOR ROLL

ISABELLA B	AMIRAH RG
DELORES D	JOSEPH R
KARSYN F	HARPER S
EZRA G-Q	ZEAL S
AVA M	RAINA S
OLLIE-VEE O	KIRO W

SECOND GRADE

A HONOR ROLL

**KAINOA B
ARIO R**

A-B HONOR ROLL

ARGJENTA A	JULIAN M
THIAGO A	VALEN M
BLAKE B	EMMETT M-L
SOPHIA CB	SAMIR N
ADRIAL D	EMMA PA
ARIA E	KATIE P
KNOX L-K	EVA R
CHRISTOPHER Y	JENNIFER R
	DIEGO Z-G

FIRST SEMESTER HONOR ROLL

2023-2024 ELEMENTARY

THIRD GRADE

A HONOR ROLL

LILY A

A-B HONOR ROLL

LYLLI B

PENELOPE E

MAXWELL M

ROLAND JACOB P

MUAZZAM YA

FOURTH GRADE

A HONOR ROLL

MARTINA L

A-B HONOR ROLL

IAN D

ISABELLE H

MILA D

OLANDE L

DYLAN D

ETHAN MP

ALINA E

ADELINE M-L

AIDEN G

RONALD M

BRAYDEN G

KATE R

NOE H

MASON W

FIRST SEMESTER HONOR ROLL

2023-2024

ELEMENTARY

FIFTH GRADE

A HONOR ROLL

LEILANI H

A-B HONOR ROLL

SAMUEL A

GIANNAH C

JAXON D

JIAN E

PATRICK E

FAITH K

COLIN M

LUKE M

ISABELLA S



"Personalizing Education – Challenging Minds."

NEW ELEMENTARY VALET PICK UP *and* DROP OFF PLAN 2023-2024

Please read through the details carefully. The 2023-2024 valet system has several updates and additional procedures. It is essential for everyone's safety that all people on EKA's campus abide by these traffic rules. We encourage everyone to use the vehicle valet system as we discourage walk-ups.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Students cannot be dropped off before 7:30 am.
2. Travel at no more than **five mph** while onsite.
3. U-Turns are not permitted on Mountain Vista when school zone flashers are working.
4. Do not stop or park ANYWHERE on Mountain Vista for the drop-off or pick-up of your students.
5. Do not block the school entrance drive when picking up or dropping off your student.
6. Do not park or drop off your students in Carol Circle (The street to the north of us). This is private property, and they will contact authorities.
7. Make sure that your student arrives at school on time. **Elementary School begins** at 7:55 am
8. Parking in the travel lanes on campus is prohibited.
9. Traffic flows counterclockwise around the school during peak pick-up and drop-off times.
10. Please do **NOT** stop along the driving pathway.
11. Do NOT play loud music while in the valet drop-off lanes.
12. Always watch for students crossing or walking through travel lanes on campus.
13. While walking on campus, all students must use crosswalks and sidewalks.
14. Do not allow your children to get out of your vehicle until they reach the front of their colored valet zone.
15. Families and students may NOT walk up to colored valet zones.
16. Walk-up students must enter the school through the front doors.

DROP OFF

1. Students cannot be dropped off before 7:30 am.
2. Students are to remain in vehicles until EKA staff members open the front doors for students to enter.
3. All students in K-5th grade will need to use the valet system for drop-off and pick-up unless they participate in the Safe-Key program or bus service.
4. K-5 Placards must be displayed from your rearview mirror during drop-off and pick-up.
5. Explore Knowledge Academy (EKA) staff members will be waiting to open car doors for Kindergarten students **ONLY**.



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6. 1st - 5th-grade students should be prepared to get out of their vehicles rapidly with all of their school items (backpack, lunch, etc.), not in the trunk. Unprepared students will hold up traffic.
7. Parents will not be permitted to accompany their students to their classrooms or enter the school building.

PICK UP/DISMISSAL

1. Safety gates to protect students while they are using the field will be in place during school hours. These gates are opened at 2:40 pm daily. Parking in front of the gates is prohibited. If you arrive on campus earlier than 2:40, please **back into a spot** in front of Building C, park, and wait for the gates to be opened.
2. Students will be dismissed directly from their **colored valet zones only**. The dismissal locations are the same as the drop-off locations.
3. **Walk-up students will not be dismissed to their waiting parents until the conclusion of vehicle valet. The front offices will not be able to retrieve a walk-up student between 2:40 pm and 3:25 pm.**
4. We will only release elementary students to persons 18 years or older for walk-ups.
5. If you forget your Placard, please park on the north side of Building A or Building B and go to the Building A office for a temporary Placard. You must bring a photo ID to the office in order to receive a temporary Placard.
6. Students must be picked up on time. If a student is left over 3 times in a school year, the student will automatically be withdrawn from EKA. A leftover student is any student not picked up by the end of elementary valet, regardless of the end time of valet. Families must be prepared to pick up their students at the end of the school day.

VALET ZONES FOR PICK UP AND DROP OFF

*****ELEMENTARY SCHOOL START TIME IS 7:55 AM *****

***** ELEMENTARY DISMISSAL IS AT 3:10 PM *****

Your valet color zone will be provided when you retrieve your family Placard.

See the valet map for additional details.

Green Zone - With your Placard displayed, use the outside lane and travel around all three buildings until you reach the backside of Building A. A staff member will guide you to the inside lane for drop-off and pick-up at the appropriate location. Kindergarten students will be dropped off and dismissed at the last two doors on the south side of Building A. Once done, you will be guided by a staff member to the correct exit lane.



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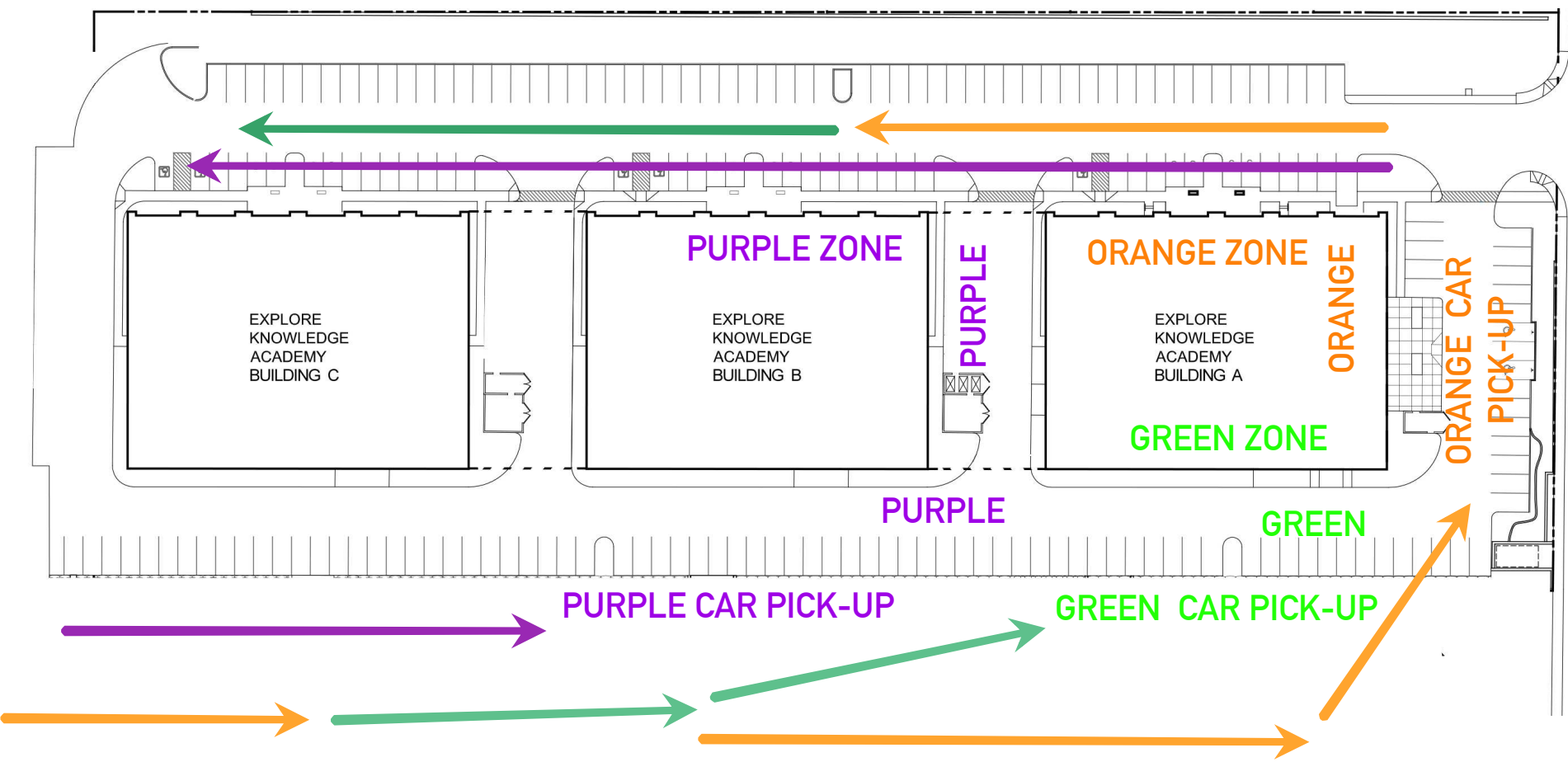
Purple Zone – With your Placard displayed, use the inside lane and travel around all three buildings until you reach the backside of the playground gates. There will be staff members to assist your students in getting from the valet gates to their classrooms during drop-off and from the valet gates to your vehicle during pick-up. Once done, you will be guided by a staff member to the correct exit lane.

Orange Zone - With your Placard displayed, use the outside lane and travel around all three buildings. The drop-off and pick-up location is the front of Building A. There will be a staff member to guide you to the inside lane for drop-off and pick-up. Once done, you will be guided by a staff member to the correct exit lane.

Walk-ups: You may park in our parking lot across from the playground to wait until the conclusion of the vehicle valet to pick up your child. Walk Up Students will be dismissed from the north playground gates. You will be required to provide your Placard upon your arrival at the gate.

Please remember that your child's safety is our top priority. Your assistance in making this process effective and efficient is appreciated.

Sincerely,
EKA Administration



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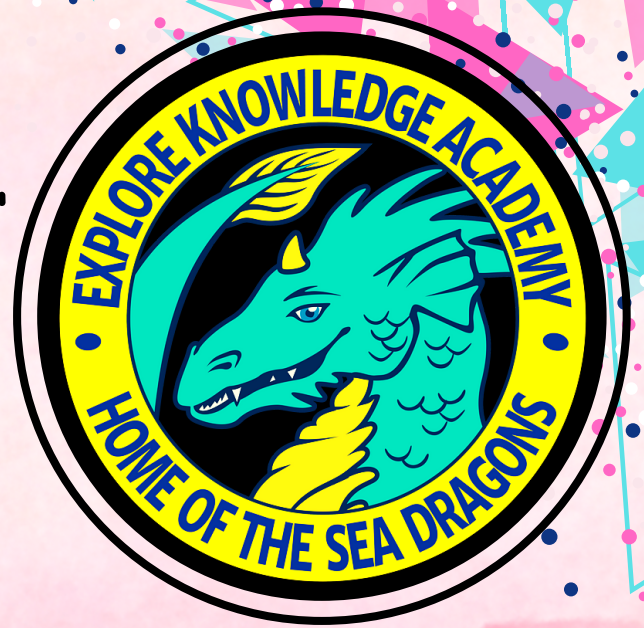
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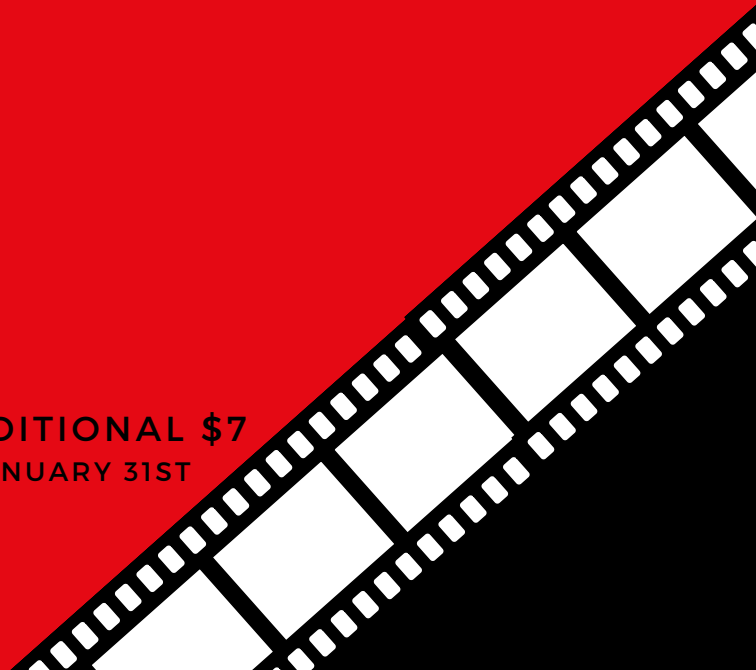
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ATTENDANCE

in the early grades

Many of our youngest students miss 10 percent of the school year—about 18 days a year or just two days every month. Chronic absenteeism in kindergarten, and even preK, can predict lower test scores, poor attendance and retention in later grades, especially if the problem persists for more than a year. Do you know how many young children are chronically absent in your school or community?

Who Is Affected

Kindergarten and 1st grade classes often have absenteeism rates as high as those in high school. Many of these absences are excused, but they still add up to lost time in the classroom.

1 in 10 kids

in kindergarten and 1st grade are chronically absent. In some schools, it's as high as 1 in 4.¹



2 in 10
low-income kids

miss too much
school. They're also
more likely to suffer
academically.¹



2.5 in 10
homeless kids

are chronically
absent.²



4 in 10
transient kids

miss too much
school when
families move.²



Why It Matters

If children don't show up for school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers.

Preliminary data from a California study found that children who were chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade were far less likely to read proficiently at the end of 3rd grade.

Who Can Read on Grade Level After 3rd Grade?³



64%

of kids with good attendance in K and 1st
(missed 9 or fewer days both years)



43%

of kids with at-risk attendance
(missed more than 9 days both years)



41%

of kids chronically absent in K or 1st
(missed 18 or more days one year)



17%

of kids chronically absent in K and 1st
(missed 18 or more days both years)

What We Can Do

Engage Families



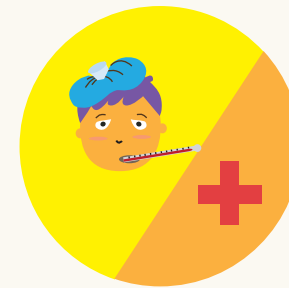
Many parents and students don't realize how quickly early absences can add up to academic trouble. Community members and teachers can educate families and build a culture of attendance through early outreach, incentives and attention to data.

Fix Transportation



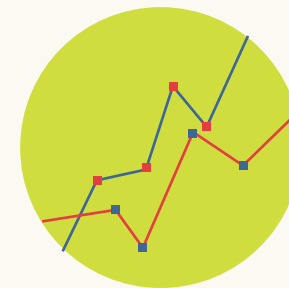
The lack of a reliable car, or simply missing the school bus, can mean some students don't make it to class. Schools, transit agencies and community partners can organize car pools, supply bus passes or find other ways to get kids to school.

Address Health Needs



Health concerns, particularly asthma and dental problems, are among the leading reasons students miss school in the early grades. Schools and medical professionals can work together to give children and families health care and advice.

Track the Right Data



Schools too often overlook chronic absence because they track average attendance or unexcused absences, not how many kids miss too many days for any reason. Attendance Works has free data-tracking tools.

These are a few steps that communities and schools can take. How do you think you can help?

¹ Chang, Hedy; Romero, Mariajose, *Present, Engaged and Accounted For: The Critical Importance of Addressing Chronic Absence in the Early Grades*, National Center for Children in Poverty: NY: NY, September 2008.

² *Chronic Absence in Utah*, Utah Education Policy Center at the University of Utah, 2012.

³ *Attendance in Early Elementary Grades: Association with Student Characteristics, School Readiness and Third Grade Outcomes*, Applied Survey Research. May 2011.



Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just one or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

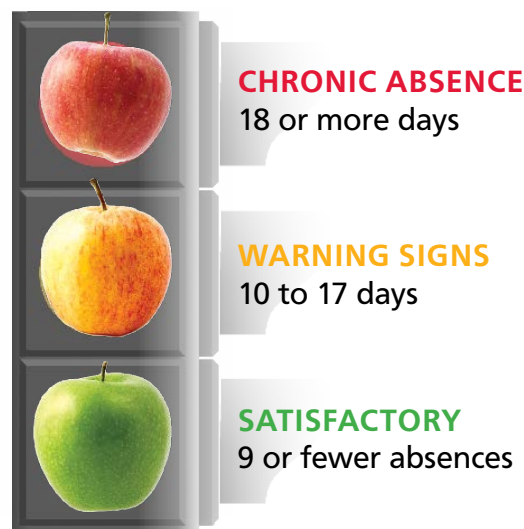
Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and college.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your children to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor or another parent.
- Try to schedule non-urgent related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If you are concerned that your child may have Covid-19, call your school for advice.
- If your child must stay home due to illness, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.

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When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.



Keep Your Child On Track in Middle and High School: Pay Attention to Attendance

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10%, or 2 days a month, over the course of the school year, can affect a student's academic success.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Make school attendance a priority

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day.
- Help your children maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and non-urgent related medical appointments during the school day.
- Keep your student healthy, and if you are concerned about Covid-19, call your school for advice.
- If your children must stay home because they are sick, make sure they have asked teachers for resources and materials to make up for the missed learning time in the classroom.

Help your teen stay engaged

- Find out if your children feel engaged by their classes, and feel safe from bullies and other threats.
- Make sure your teens are not missing class because of challenges with behavioral issues or school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, contact the school and work with them to find a solution.
- Monitor your teen's academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors when necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage your child to join meaningful after-school activities, including sports and clubs.
- Notice and support your students if they are showing signs of anxiety.

Communicate with the school

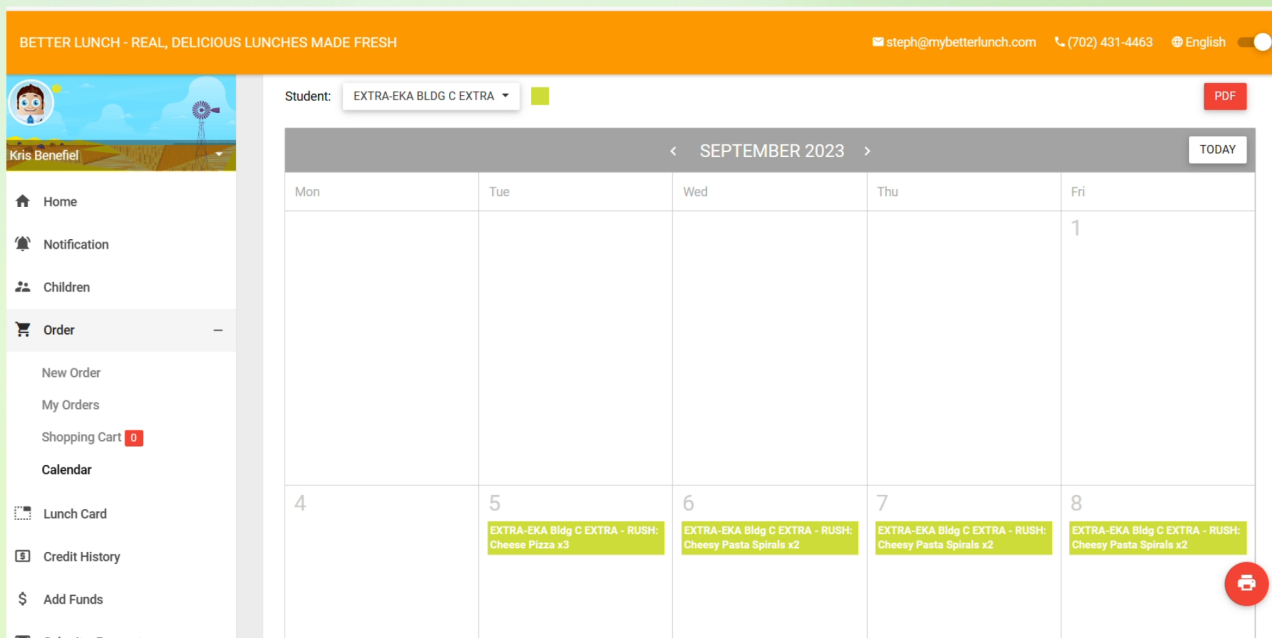
- Know the school's attendance policy – incentives and penalties.
- Check on your child's attendance to be sure absences are not adding up.
- Seek help from school staff, other parents, or community agencies if you need support.



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How to print your student's My Better Lunches



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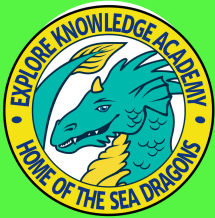
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3 SIMPLE STEPS FOR EKA SCHOOL ZONE

OBEY ALL TRAFFIC LAWS & LIGHTS



01

SLOW DOWN and obey all speed limits including the 5 mph speed limit posted on school property.



02

NO U-TURNS IN THE SCHOOL ZONE IF LIGHTS ARE FLASHING!

If lights are flashing you **MUST** go to Russell and make your u-turn.



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DON'T BLOCK INTERSECTIONS OR THE ENTRANCE TO CAROL CIRCLE

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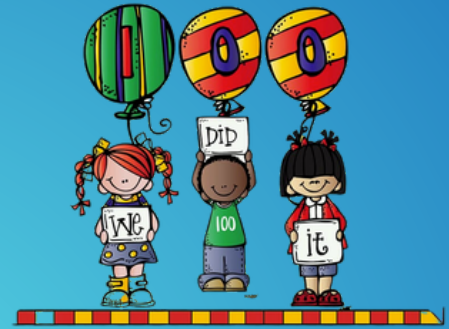
January

Dress up Days

2023 - 2024



1/10 (Wednesday)
Western Day



1/23 (Tuesday)
100th Day of School



1/24 (Wednesday)
Tropical/Hawaii Day



1/25 (Thursday)
Bling Out Day

Crazy Hair Day



1/26 (Friday)
Crazy Hair Day

February 2023 - 2024

Dress up Days



2/2 (Friday) Tutu Day



2/9 (Friday) NFL Day



2/29 (Thursday)
Leap Year Day - Wear Green

March

2023 - 2024

Dress up Days

3/8 (Friday) Hat Day



3/29 (Friday)
Baseball DAY

April

2023 - 2024

Dress up Days

4/4 (Thursday)
Kilt Day



4/12 (Friday)
Scrabble/ Wear Words Day

May

2023 - 2024

Dress up Days



5/1 (Wednesday)
Flower Power Day

5/10 (Friday)
College/ University Day



PLUS get a FREE gift
& enter to win
Vegas Golden Knights tickets!*

Check Out Your FREE Personal WiFi Card*

← Sign up at the Library today!*

Qualified library customers can visit a participating Library District branch to check out a FREE Personal WiFi Card, which will provide FREE internet access until June 30, 2024. For cardholders in areas where Cox WiFi service is limited, please visit your nearby branch to check out a Library District hotspot device.

Service
available
now through
June 30, 2024!

- In order to qualify for this FREE service, you must:
- Be age 18 years or older.
- Have a FREE Las Vegas-Clark County Library card.
- Not currently have internet access to meet your educational and/or employment needs.



Sign up at these locations: Centennial Hills Library, Clark County Library, East Las Vegas Library, Enterprise Library, Meadows Library, Rainbow Library, Sahara West Library, Spring Valley Library, Summerlin Library, Sunrise Library, West Charleston Library, West Las Vegas Library, Whitney Library, and Windmill Library.

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* While supplies last; giveaways may vary by branch.



For full details, visit
TheLibraryDistrict.org/FREEWiFi

¡ADEMÁS recibe un regalo GRATIS
& participe para ganar entradas
Vegas Golden Knights!*

Adquiere la Tarjeta de Acceso WiFi GRATIS*

← ¡Inscríbanse hoy mismo en la Biblioteca!

Los clientes de la biblioteca que califican pueden visitar una sucursal participante del Distrito Bibliotecario para solicitar una tarjeta personal WiFi GRATUITA, la cual proporciona acceso GRATIS al internet hasta el 30 de junio de 2024. Los tarjetahabientes en las áreas en donde el servicio de Cox WiFi está limitado pueden visitar su sucursal más cercana para solicitar prestado un punto de acceso al internet del Distrito Bibliotecario.

¡Servicio
disponible ahora
hasta
el 30 de junio
de 2024!

- Tener 18 años o ser mayores de 18.
- Tener una tarjeta GRATUITA de la Biblioteca de Las Vegas-Condado de Clark.
- No tener actualmente acceso a internet para cubrir sus necesidades educativas y/o de empleo.



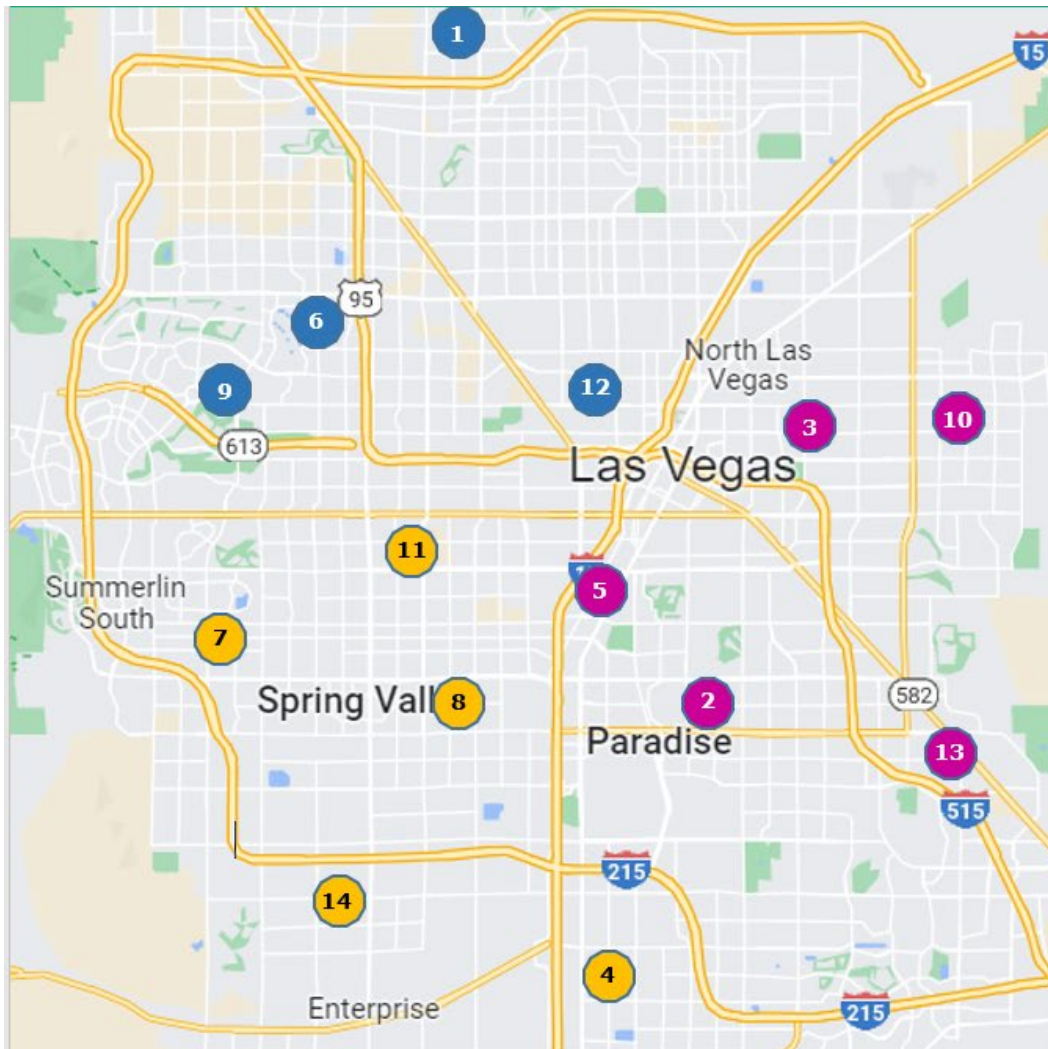
Regístrese en estas sucursales: Biblioteca Centennial Hills, Biblioteca Clark County, Biblioteca East Las Vegas, Biblioteca Enterprise, Biblioteca Meadows, Biblioteca Rainbow, Biblioteca Sahara West, Biblioteca Spring Valley, Biblioteca Summerlin, Biblioteca Sunrise, Biblioteca West Charleston, Biblioteca West Las Vegas, Biblioteca Whitney, y Biblioteca Windmill.

Para los titulares de tarjetas en áreas donde el servicio WiFi de Cox es limitado, visite su sucursal más cercana para retirar un dispositivo de punto de acceso del Distrito Bibliotecario.

* Mientras duren las reservas; Los obsequios pueden variar según la sucursal.



Para más detalles, visite
TheLibraryDistrict.org/FREEWiFi



Library Branches to get Free Personal WiFi

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| 1. Centennial Hills | 6. Rainbow | 11. West Charleston |
| 2. Clark County | 7. Sahara West | 12. West Las Vegas |
| 3. East Las Vegas | 8. Spring Valley | 13. Whitney |
| 4. Enterprise | 9. Summerlin | 14. Windmill |
| 5. Meadows | 10. Sunrise | |



WHITNEY LIBRARY

Free Tutoring

provided by Andson

**STARTING
SEPTEMBER
5TH**

Students in grades K-12 are welcome to drop in for tutoring and homework help from CCSD teachers and teacher aides through Andson.

Students must bring work with them. Tutoring may be provided in small group settings.

MON. - THURS. 4 P.M. - 6 P.M.

*Certain dates
excluded.
See web site for
current schedule.*

Whitney Library
5175 E Tropicana Ave.

702-507-4015

www.thelibrarydistrict.org

Explore Knowledge Academy

Student Attendance Calendar

August 2023 - May 2024

2023

August 10	Classes Begin
September 4	Labor Day - Business Office Closed
October 13	End of 1st Quarter
October 27	Nevada Day - No School Business Office Closed
November 10	Veteran's Day - No School Business Office Closed
November 20 - 24	Thanksgiving Break - No School Business Office Closed
November 28	Classes Resume
December 14	Student Early Release
December 15	Staff Development Day - No School Business Office Closed End of 2nd Quarter - End of 1st Semester
December 19 - Jan 1	Winter Break - No School Business Office Closed

2024

January 2 - 3	Staff Development Days - No School Business Office Closed
January 4	Classes Resume (Thursday)
January 15	Martin Luther King Jr. Day Business Office Closed
February 19	President's Day - Business Office Closed
March 8	End of 3rd Quarter
March 12 - 22	Spring Break - No School Business Office Closed
March 26	Classes Resume
May 17	Student Early Release End of 4th Quarter - End of 2nd Semester End of the 2023-2024 School Year
May 21	Graduation 2024

EXPLORE KNOWLEDGE ACADEMY PRE-ARRANGED ABSENCE REQUEST

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE FRONT OFFICE AT LEAST 1 WEEK PRIOR TO THE REQUESTED ABSENCE

NOTE: Prearranged absences WILL NOT be approved immediately preceding or following any scheduled EKA break. Prearranged exceeding the limitation on total absences WILL NOT be approved.

The Parent/Legal Guardian or student is responsible for checking Google Classroom for make-up work from all teachers and submitting the work as specified.

PLEASE NOTE: Nevada State Law allows a parent or legal guardian to arrange absences in advance. EKA allows up to **4** pre-arranged absences during a school year. All absences whether approved or unapproved count towards the total of absences for the year. Any arranged absence, for which the makeup work is not completed and submitted as required, is considered unapproved.

1 EKA School Day = 1.3 Days

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Date(s) Requested: _____

Reason for pre-arranged absence(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Print: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

OFFICE PERSONNEL ONLY

Name of Student: _____

Administrative Signature: _____ Date Received: _____

Dates Approved: _____

Parent Notified Date: _____

Office Personnel Initials: _____

Teacher(s) Notified Date: _____

Office Personnel Initials: _____

Absence Note

5871 Mountain Vista Street

Las Vegas NV 89120

Phone: (702) 870-5032

Fax: (702) 871-5032

www.ekacademy.org



*** Three (3) or more consecutive absences will require a note from a medical provider.

1 EKA School Day = 1.3 Days

Please use this form when your child misses school. Additional forms may be downloaded from the website and are available at the office.

Date(s) of Absence	
Period(s) Missed	
Student Name	
Student's Advisor	Grade

Reason for Absence(s)	
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
Home Phone	Work/Cell Phone
Parent Email	

Students who have been absent must provide written notice from the parent/guardian to the school explaining the reason for the absence within 3 school days after their return from the absence AND turn in **any missing work**.

Failure to provide an excused absence note within 3 days AND turn in missed school work will result in an

unexcused absence. In accordance with NRS, an unexcused absence is deemed truant.

It is the parent/guardian responsibility to request homework from the advisor.

Please Note: EKA must report habitual truancy to Child Protective Services for educational neglect.

For Office Use Only: ☐ Excused ☐ Unexcused ☐ Unexcused Due To Incomplete Work

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