



## **Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow: Don't Let Absences Add Up October 2018**

Dear Parents,

Galena Park High School believes student attendance should always be a top priority, so we are excited to announce the start of our Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow campaign while celebrating School Priority Month in October!

When students miss school, they miss out! *Your child's daily, on-time attendance is critical to their success in school.* And while some challenges to your child's school attendance are unavoidable, it's important to understand the impact of each absence. Did you know a student is considered chronically absent if they miss only two days of school per month (18 days in a year), whether the absences are excused or unexcused? Even one year with chronic absences can cause a child to fall behind academically and decrease their chances of graduating from high school.

The good news? Attending school every day increases a child's chances of success in school and in life! As a parent, you can prepare your child for a lifetime of success by making regular school attendance a priority. By figuring out the reasons for your child's absences and taking advantage of district support services, you can help set your child on the path to success!

Be sure to follow Galena Park ISD throughout the year on Twitter and Facebook for weekly messages, and be on the lookout for more information about attendance in each month's parent newsletter. Remember, students who Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow. Don't let absences add up.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Martin  
Principal