Did You Know…

• School attendance plays a major part in academic achievement.
• Being chronically absent or missing 10% of the school year (about 18 days) for lawful or unlawful reasons can drastically affect a student’s academic success.
• Being late to school can lead to missing important learning activities.
• Students should miss no more than 18 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.

What You Can Do To Help

• Make school attendance a priority by setting the expectation of showing up to school daily and setting regular routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night’s sleep.
• Help your child stay engaged by staying on top of academic progress and seeking help from teachers or tutors if necessary or encourage meaningful afterschool activities, including sports and clubs.
• Try not to schedule dental and medical appointments or extended trips during school days.
• Make back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up.

How to Communicate with the School

• First, read the Prince George’s County Public Schools Attendance Policy.
• Talk to teachers if you notice sudden changes in behavior. Make sure teachers and school staff have your up-to-date contact information.
• Check on your child’s attendance to be sure absences are not piling up.
• Ask for help from school officials, afterschool programs, other parents or community agencies if you’re having trouble getting your child to school.