



# Falcon Attendance

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- By 9<sup>th</sup> grade, regular and high attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10%, or about 18 days, of the school year can drastically affect a student's academic success.
- Students can be chronically absent even if they only miss a day or two every few weeks.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

### **Make school attendance a priority**

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day.
- Help your child get a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and medical appointments during the school day.
- Don't let your child stay home unless truly sick.

### **Help your teen stay engaged**

- Find out if your child feels engaged. Encourage meaningful afterschool activities, including sports and clubs.
- Stay on top of academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors if necessary.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts.

### **Communicate with the school**

- Know the school's attendance policy.
- Talk to teachers if you notice sudden changes in behavior.
- Check on your child's attendance- (Go to <http://hanfordfalcons.org/info/attendance.html> to download an application that notifies you of attendance issues)
- Ask for help from school officials or community agencies if you are having trouble getting your child to school.

## WHAT HANFORD IS DOING TO ENCOURAGE ATTENDANCE

### SCHOOL-WIDE INCENTIVES

- Monthly incentives for students who make it to school and are on time.

### INDIVIDUALIZED ATTENDANCE GOALS

- Individual goals for students to work on improving attendance.

### SEPTEMBER INCENTIVES

- Students will be eligible for random incentives throughout the month for being on time and in class!
- Students with perfect attendance for the month of September will be entered into a drawing to win 2 Homecoming dance tickets!