#### **FOR PARENTS**

#### Always send a note within 3 days!

Absence notes may be sent with your child or emailed directly to the campus PEIMS office.

All-Day Medical Absence - If your child misses all day and brings a doctor's note upon his/her return-this medical absence is excused and does NOT trigger Truancy Prevention Measures, but DOES count against actual seat time and the 90% Attendance Law.

**Partial-Day Medical Absence** - A partial day medical occurs when a student misses part of a day to go to a medical appointment. As long as the child is on campus for part of the day and returns with a doctor's note, the absence does NOT count against the child's attendance whatsoever.

Always try to make appointments where the child can be present part of the day.

#### EXCUSED VS. UNEXCUSED

Each Absence: Send a note within 3 days or email it to the campus PEIMS office: Mrs. A. Salgado asalgado@elacharterschool.com

# GET IN TOUCH

915 W Interstate Highway 2, Mission, TX 78572 956-424-9504 elacharterschool.com Truancy Prevention Officer: Mrs. K. Chavez kchavez@elacharterschool.com

## **ELA** ATTENDANCE



## ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

### ATTENDANCE LAWS & POLICIES

#### Truancy Prevention Measures FEA (LEGAL)

If a student misses school 3 or more days, or parts of days, **without** an excuse, in any 4-week period, the district shall initiate **Truancy Prevention Measures**.

If a student misses 10 or more days within a 6month period, **without** an excuse, **Truancy Charges** will be filed.

#### COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE & 90% LAW

The state of Texas requires that all students at least 6 years of age and not yet 19, attend school until they obtain a diploma. It is important for students to attend school **each day**. Compulsory attendance is enforced through §25.093 and new Chapter 65, Texas Family Code.

In order to receive credit for a final grade for a class, a student is **required** to attend class **90% of the days** a class is offered, regardless of whether the student's absences are **excused or unexcused** (see FEA). If the student does not meet this requirement, the student must go through an Attendance Recovery Process.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Children who miss too many days in Kindergarten and 1st Grade are less likely to read on grade level by the end of 3rd Grade.
- By 6th Grade, chronic absenteeism is a proven early warning sign for students at-risk of dropping out of school.
- By 9th Grade, attendance is a better indicator than test scores of a student's likelihood to graduate from high school.
- MAKE ATTENDANCE A PRIORITY; ULTIMATELY, PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING THEIR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL.