Attendance and Tardy Policies

Regular school attendance is one of the most important factors in a student's academic success and growth

Understanding the Policies

Regular school attendance is an expected requirement for attendance and participation. If a student is absent, documentation must be submitted within three (3) school days of the student's return. Documentation may be provided in person to the Front Desk or emailed to **info@southdadeacademy**

Excused Absences

Students may be absent from school for the following reasons: student illness, medical appointment, death in the family, observance of a religious holiday, events or activities that are approved and sponsored by the school. Note: documentation is required to excuse an absence. Students absent due to sickness or injury must provide a written statement from a health care provider after the 4th parent note.

Unexcused absences

Any absence that does not fall into one of the excused absence categories will be considered unexcused. Unexcused absences include but are not limited to vacations, personal services, local events, providing day care for siblings, illness of others, and non-compliance with immunization requirements.

Tardy Policy

- **Tardies 1-3:** Verbal warning and student contract.
- **Tardies 4-6:** Parent/guardian notification.
- **Tardies 7-9:** Administrative conference with student.
- **Tardies 10+:** Parent conference & additional disciplinary action as determined by administration.

Scholarship Attendance Requirement

Students receiving scholarship funding are expected to meet attendance and participation requirements. Excessive absences may affect scholarship compliance and may result in additional interventions by the school.
If you experience challenges that prevent you from arriving at school on time, we kindly ask that you reach out to your teacher, counselor, or administration.
We are here to help you identify solutions and support your success.