

# COATESVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## *“Excellence in Education”*



Did you know that children can suffer academically if they miss 10 percent of the school year? That’s just 18 days, or 2 to 3 days a month. Students who miss 10% of the school year are considered chronically absent. The research shows us that absences add up. That’s as true for kindergartners as it is for 12<sup>th</sup> graders. It’s as true for excused absences as it is for skipping school or taking a family vacation.

A student is considered absent if they are not physically participating in instruction or instruction-related activities on school grounds or at an approved off-grounds location. Chronically absent students include students who are absent regardless of whether absences are excused or unexcused; whatever the reason for the absence, instructional hours are lost.

For example, out of school suspensions and excused absences for approved family-sponsored educational trips would be coded as absences for purposes of chronic absenteeism and regular attendance measures.

ABSENT (Examples)	PRESENT (Examples)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Absence from school (excused or unexcused)</li><li>• Out-of-School Suspension</li><li>• Extended illness (not coded homebound)</li><li>• Bereavement</li><li>• Non-school sponsored approved educational trips</li><li>• College visits not part of curriculum or course expectations</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Career Education and Work experiences sponsored by the school entity</li><li>• In-school Suspension</li><li>• Homebound Instruction</li><li>• School-sponsored field-trips or college visits</li></ul>

This upcoming school year let’s work together to get all kids to school—on time, every day.

Sincerely,

Dr. Eugenia Roberts, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Center Principal