

2026-2027 Attendance Policy

Dear Great Hearts Family,

Your child's daily, on-time attendance in school is critical to his or her success, not only in school but in life. At Great Hearts Academies, the goal is for your child to attend school at a minimum of 97% of the school year. This translates to no more than five absent days per school year. It is understandable that some challenges to your child's school attendance are unavoidable, such as an illness or a family emergency. However, it is important to understand the impact absences have on your child's success. We need your partnership as the parent/guardian to ensure your child attends school daily and on time. The full Great Hearts Academies attendance policy for the 2025-2026 school year can be found in the Family Handbook.

Our official, state-reported attendance is taken daily at **10:15am**. If your child is not in school for attendance, he/she is considered absent for the day. Even just a few absences can cause your child to fall behind in schoolwork, which makes it increasingly difficult for our dedicated teachers to prepare your child for success. You will receive frequent communication regarding your child's attendance.

In accordance with **Section 25.095(b)** of the **Texas Education Code**, Great Hearts is required to provide notice to parents when their child has been absent from school without excuse on 3 or more days or parts of days within a 4week period. Your partnership will include monitoring your child's school attendance and will require him/her to attend school on time daily. Parents will meet with school leadership regarding their child's recurring absences.

If the student fails to attend school on 17 or more days or parts of days within a 9-month period in the same school year and the occurrences are not a result of (1) pregnancy; (2) being in the State foster program; (3) homelessness; or (4) being the principal income earner for the student's family, Great Hearts Academies may refer the child to the campus attendance committee.

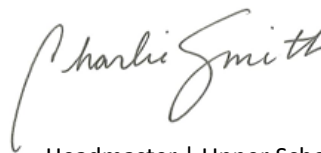
We want to partner with you to ensure your child regularly attends school. We encourage you to act to help eliminate the risk of chronic absenteeism by:

- Having a backup plan for getting your child to school when there are difficulties with transportation, family illness, or other challenges.
- Scheduling doctor and other appointments for after-school hours whenever possible, or at very least bringing your child in before or after appointments with a doctor's note.
- Keeping family vacations aligned with our school calendar and not adding extra days to the scheduled breaks.
- Contacting the campus to discuss support and services that can help your child maintain regular school attendance.

Sincerely,



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