



SCHOOL Attendance

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- Schenectady County Center for Juvenile Justice (PINS) (518) 386-2271.
- Samaritan Counseling Center of the Capital Region (518) 374-3514.
- Union Street Counseling Services (518) 374-6263.
- Ellis Adolescent Treatment Center (518) 243-4411.
- Child Guidance Center at Northeast Parent and Child Society (518) 346-1284.

For more information, please contact your student's school counselor:

Lucia Dixon, Tim O'Connell
or
Dianna Rumpf
at
518-347-3600 ext. 5000
and

Pamela Lyle, Social Worker at
ext. 5179

Jacqueline Cubano, Social
Worker at ext. 5341

**What
Parents/Guardians
Need to Know**



**Scotia-Glenville
Middle School**

GOOD ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT

All children in New York State between the ages of 6 and 16 shall receive full-time instruction (Section 3205, Education).

The following excuses are considered legally acceptable:

- Personal sickness.
- Sickness or death in family.
- Severe storms or impassable roads.
- Religious observance.
- Quarantine by contagious disease.
- Court obligations.
- Approved cooperative work program.
- Doctors appointment.

Parents or guardians of a student who is chronically absent (10 or more without medical documentation) may be required to meet with a school administrator to discuss the situation. Continued chronic absenteeism may lead to an attendance PINS petition filed with Schenectady County Center for Juvenile Justice.

AVOIDANCE

A child may claim to be sick, or choose to be truant. He or she may want to avoid school because of:

- ✓ Conflicts with peers (bullying or harassment).
- ✓ Trouble with classwork.
- ✓ Fear of failure (on a test, for example).
- ✓ Low self-esteem.
- ✓ Trouble dealing with a traumatic event.
- ✓ Social problems with friends.

Teach your child that missing too much school only creates more problems.

MAKE SCHOOL A PRIORITY



SET A GOOD EXAMPLE WHEN IT COMES TO ATTENDANCE

Avoid keeping your child out of school for an unexcused or unnecessary reason. Plan family trips during school breaks. When possible schedule appointments after school.

THE DANGERS OF TRUANCY

Children who are absent a lot are at risk for many problems:

- Failing grades.
- Being held back.
- Future drug or alcohol problems.
- Dropping out of school.
- Legal consequences.



WORK WITH THE SCHOOL

Talk with the school if you feel your child is having difficulty coming to school.

There is a lot we can do together to help your child overcome challenges that may get in the way of regular attendance.