

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA



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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome back to school! This is an exciting time of the year as our students head back to class to continue growing and learning and moving toward fulfilling their potential.

We're all familiar with the saying that "ninety percent of life is just showing up." Well, school is no different. Our experience and the research clearly show that success in school is tied directly to attendance. That's why my office takes your child's school attendance seriously. We want to partner with you and your school to ensure every child has a chance to succeed, and this begins with attendance.

Oklahoma law requires school attendance. Students cannot be absent without a valid excuse for 10 or more days or parts of days within a semester, or 4 or more days or parts of days in any four-week period. It is a misdemeanor for any parent or guardian to violate school attendance laws. Your student handbook includes the school's specific policies regarding attendance. If your child has more absences than the law allows, the school may choose to contact our office which could then take action to ensure your child attends school.

So, I encourage you to know your school's attendance policies, to keep the lines of communication with your school open, and to work closely with the school to keep them informed of issues affecting your child's attendance. We hope to work with you and your school to make this a great year. In the end, all of us have the very same goal—your child's success!

If you have any questions or the District Attorney's Office can help you in any way, please contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Fields".

Mike Fields