## **Student Absences**

At Osmond Elementary School, student achievement is paramount. A major factor in accomplishing this goal is consistent attendance. Please establish regular school attendance as an expectation and routine for your children this will contribute significantly to their academic improvement and performance as well as their ability to develop a strong work ethic for their future.

If a child is absent for 2 or more consecutive days and the parents have not contacted the school, Osmond Elementary School will initiate communication.

Communication may include but is not limited to:

- Teacher calling home
- Office personnel calling home
- Teacher or office personnel emailing parents regarding attendance
- Letter from the office indicating days of absence
- Home visit made

If excessive absence occurs (more than 20 days per year or 7 days per trimester) the school based intervention team may suggest any one or combination of the following actions take place depending on the reason for absence:

- Referral to the school district resource officer
- Referral to Department of Family Services
- Retention in the same grade for an additional year
- Parents encourage/possibly required to take parenting classes
- Summer school/After school remediation
- Referral to the legal system

All factors relating to the reasons for absence will be considered by the building intervention team. Parents communicating the reason for absence when it occurs will be important information for the team.

Parents may appeal the decision of the school-based intervention team to the school district superintendent.