

# Boston Public Schools



## Michael J. Perkins Elementary School

Home of Outstanding World Learners & Leaders

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Greetings MJP Parent/Guardian,

Attendance Matters @ the Michael J. Perkins School! Scholars who attend school everyday and participate in learning are more likely to experience college and career success!

If your child has four unexcused absences for the Fall term (September 7<sup>th</sup> thru December 1<sup>st</sup>), they earn **“NO CREDIT” and FAIL the term.** Additionally, once your child has a 3<sup>rd</sup> unexcused absence, we will contact you directly to set up an attendance plan. After the 5<sup>th</sup> unexcused absence, you will receive a court summons.

This year, we will give your child an opportunity to make up the work in real-time. When your child is absent, they will have up to 48 hours to make up the work they missed. This work will be given to the main office. If the makeup work is satisfactory, we will consider excusing your child’s absence. *We will do this for up to 3 unexcused absences.*

It is your responsibility to submit doctor’s notes and letters to the main office within 48 hours of your child’s absence along with communicating directly with your child’s teacher about the makeup work they are receiving.

Please schedule a meeting/conference to talk with your child’s teacher about opportunities to discuss your child’s progress and performance. If you ever need to contact us about attendance reporting, please email us at

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Cheers,

Craig Martin

Proud Principal of the MJP

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS**

When children regularly miss school, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build good attendance habits for the future.

**Student absences**

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|----------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| 2 days a month | 20 days in a year | 1 year of school missed in K-Gr.9  | 200 hours of MATH missed in K-Gr.9 | 300 hours learning to READ missed in K-Gr.9 |
| 4 days a month | 40 days in a year | 2 years of school missed in K-Gr.9 | 400 hours of MATH missed in K-Gr.9 | 600 hours learning to READ missed in K-Gr.9 |