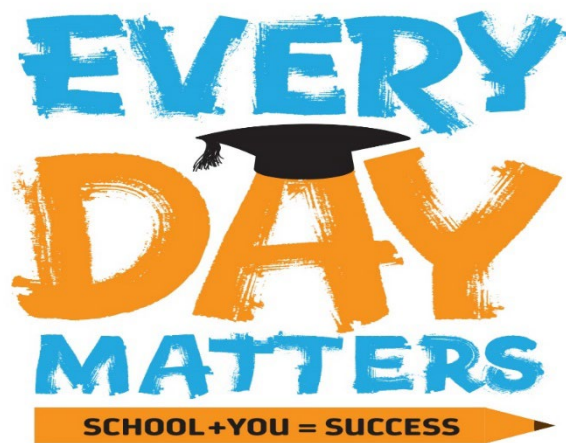


# Clay County Schools

## Attendance Plans and Incentives



### **Don't underestimate the harm of these school absences.**

Missing just two days a month of school—for any reason— can be a problem for kids in several ways. Children who are chronically absent in kindergarten and first grade are less likely to read on grade level by the third grade. For older students, being chronically absent is strongly associated with failing at school—even more than low grades or test scores. When absences add up, these students are more likely to be suspended and drop out of high school. Chronic absenteeism is also linked with teen substance use, as well as poor health as adults.

### **Parents**

Your commitment to school attendance will also send a message to your child that education is a priority for your family, going to school every day is a critical part of educational success, and that it's important to take your responsibilities seriously — including going to school.

## Here are 10 practical tips to getting your child to school on time, every day:

\*Set attendance goals with your child and track your child's attendance on a calendar. Try offering small rewards for not missing any school, such as a later bedtime on weekends.

\*Help your child get a good night's sleep. A lack of sleep is associated with lower school achievement, as well as higher numbers of missed school and tardiness. Most younger children need 10-12 hours per night and adolescents (13-18 years of age) need 8-10 hours per night.

\*Prep the night before to streamline your morning. Lay out your child's clothes. Pack backpacks and lunches. Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up like a missed bus or an early meeting. Have a family member, a neighbor, or another trusted adult on standby to take your child to school should you ever need help.

\*Try to schedule dental or medical appointments before or after school hours. If children must miss school for medical appointments, have them return immediately afterward so they do not miss the entire day.

\*Schedule extended trips during school breaks. This helps your child stay caught up in school learning and sets the expectation for your child to be in school during the school year. Even in elementary school, missing a week of classes can set your child behind on learning.

\*Don't let your child stay home unless he or she is truly sick. Reasons to keep your child home from school include a temperature greater than 101 degrees, vomiting, diarrhea, a hacking cough, or a toothache. Keep in mind, complaints of frequent stomachaches or headaches can be a sign of anxiety and may not be a reason to stay home. See [School Avoidance: Tips for Concerned Parents](#).

\*Talk with your child about the reasons why he or she does not want to go to school. School-related anxiety can lead to school avoidance. Talk to your child about their symptoms and try to get them to talk about any emotional struggles they may have with issues like bullying, fear of failure, or actual physical harm. If you are concerned about your child's mental health, talk with your pediatrician, your child's teacher, or school counselor.

\*If your child has a chronic health issue such as asthma, allergies, or seizures, talk with your pediatrician about developing a school action plan. Meet with and get to know the nurse at your child's school. If you need guidance and documentation for an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or 504 Plan, ask for your pediatrician's and your school's principal for help in accessing services at school.

\*Follow the rules. Be sure you know what your school's requirements are for when your child will be absent or late. If you are supposed to call, email, or provide a doctor's note after a certain number of days out, then do it. If we want our children to follow rules, we must lead by example. Cross your t's and dot your i's when it comes to these procedures.

\*Keep track of your child's attendance and investigate reasons when the days missed add up. Look into why your child is absent. Think about your child's mood. Has your child been spending time by themselves lately? Is their chronic condition starting to be more problematic? Is this school refusal? You know your child best.

# Clay County Schools

## Individual School Attendance Plans and Incentives

### **Big Otter Elementary School Attendance Plan 2022-2023**

\*Attendance goal one: Improve overall school wide student attendance by 1%. (94.5%)

\*Attendance goal two: Reduce chronic absences by 1%.

#### **Each Classroom Teacher will have 3 Attendance Incentives:**

1. Must have a weekly classroom incentive
2. Must have an individual weekly incentive
3. Must have a monthly incentive

\*Attendance incentives must be posted on a bulletin board in classroom.

\*Daily evening announcements of the classroom with the best attendance.

\*Weekly schedules will be given to staff at the beginning of each week with something about attendance on the back.

\*Weekly best attendance banner on outside of classroom door. One on each wing of the building (PreK – 2<sup>nd</sup>) and (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>).

\*School wide monthly incentive will be switched up each month (ex. ice cream sundae, popcorn, snow cones, etc.....). Students who have perfect attendance for the month will receive a certificate. Student Leaders will have the opportunity to vote on the incentive for each month.

\*Bulletin Board in hallway with attendance data and pictures of students who have monthly perfect attendance.

\*School wide yearly incentive (\$50.00 visa card) given out on awards day.

\*We will have a meeting with the parents of students who become chronically absent. This will consist of Principal, CIS, Teacher, and Parents. Attendance data as well as the importance of attendance will be shared with parents. Parents will sign attendance contract.

# Lizemore Elementary School

## Lizemore Improving Overall Attendance at School

**Daily-** The top classroom for attendance will be announced during morning announcements.

**Weekly-** Each week that a student has perfect attendance, they will be entered into a drawing for a Matchbox car. Students will collect their cars in their classrooms. Students will have an opportunity to race their cars at the end of the month. All students will watch the races.

Each weekly teacher newsletter will promote attendance or provide attendance news for their classroom.

An attendance banner will be hung outside of the classroom with the best attendance. The class that wins the attendance banner will receive an extra five minutes of recess for that week.

**Monthly-** (Parent Incentive) Magnets sent home to recognize parents whose child has Faithful Attendance. Parents can also eat lunch with their child at the end of the month.

Each month the students who have perfect attendance will be recognized on the “live bulletin board” with the pictures posted.

**Quarterly-** Ice cream party for students with 2 or fewer absences (Incentive will change quarterly)

**End of the Year-** Field Trip for Perfect or Faithful Attendance

Every teacher will have a minimum of three attendance incentives which will include a weekly, monthly, and individual incentive. The incentives will be posted in each classroom to be viewed by students. Classroom Attendance News will be included in the weekly Curriculum Team Agendas to promote competition among teachers and students.

### Strong Start Program

- Open House Presentation
- Notifying Parents about our efforts to improve attendance.
- Beginning of the Year School Assembly to Promote Attendance
- Classroom Bulletin Boards Recognizing Attendance

Nudge letters will be designed and sent when students reach two absences during each grading period.



## **The Pioneer Plan**

### **H.E. White Elementary**

### **Schoolwide Attendance Incentives**

### **GOAL: Improve Attendance by 1%**

**First 20 days “Strong Start”:** Discuss Attendance Plan and Incentives during Open House with parents.

**Beginning of the Year Assembly** to discuss Attendance Plan and incentives with students.

**Bulletin Board** will be set up outside of the office with all the Attendance Plan and Incentives.

**Bulletin Board** will be set up in the main hallway to display daily absences, and pictures of monthly attendance winners.

**Morning Announcements** to remind students of the attendance goal. **Afternoon Announcements**, announce the number of schoolwide absences

#### **DAILY**

**Morning Announcements:** Set a goal to reach. Announce the number of students absent. When the goal is reached, have a hallway dance party at the end of the day.

**Classroom Incentives** will be posted in classrooms.

#### **WEEKLY**

**Friday Afternoon Announcements:** Announce the class that is currently in the lead for the monthly competition.

**Attendance stats from ZOOM** will be posted on the backside of our weekly agenda.

**Teachers** will post classroom incentives on weekly newsletters

**If students** are present all week, they will receive a Pioneer Pride ticket.

#### **MONTHLY**

**(Individuals) Morning Assembly:** Present all perfect attendees with a certificate. Take a picture for the local newspaper.

**(Classrooms) Traveling Door Banner** will be presented to the classroom with the best monthly attendance. Every student in that class will receive an attendance pencil and extra recess.

**The Schoolwide Newsletter** will list schoolwide incentives and mention the classroom with the best attendance. The class picture will be posted on our attendance bulletin board.

#### **QUARTERLY**

Perfect attendees will receive time in the bouncy house or seasonal reward.





**SEMESTER**

Perfect attendees will receive a T-shirt and bumper sticker. Faithful attendees will receive a bumper sticker.

**YEARLY**

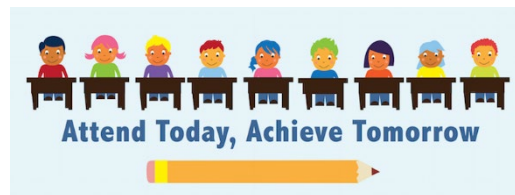
Perfect attendees will receive a bicycle and field trip. Faithful attendees will receive the field trip as well.

If the schoolwide goal is reached, parents, students, and staff will have an End of Year Cookout.

<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <h1 style="margin: 0;">Clay Elementary School</h1> <h2 style="margin: 0;">Attendance Incentive Chart</h2> <p style="margin: 0;"><i>“Attend Today Achieve Tomorrow”</i></p> </div>  </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center; margin-top: 10px;">   </div>		
<b>School Incentives</b>		
Start	School Wide	Student Passports- Instructors review with students school expectations. Students may earn a “stamp” in their passport when they are successful in mastering the expectations under the following categories: Bus Line, Cafeteria, Hallway, Playground, Restroom, Office, and Classroom. All students are blue ribbon winners with the first tail of the ribbon stating: Come to School.
Start	School Wide	School Assembly to review Mission: Come to School, Excel, and Show Respect. Also, review of passport and expectations, as well as PAX program.
Daily	School Wide	Daily attendance competition- Each grade level will compete against classes within the same grade level for the least amount of absences and late sign-ins. The winning class will be awarded for good attendance by earning the privilege to go to lunch first. The class with the best attendance within each grade level will also display the “winning” banner on their classroom door daily. Banners display the slogan: Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow. In the event of a tie, the winning classes go first together for lunch and get to choose their place in line.
Daily	School Wide	Classrooms display Panther Pride Classroom Expectations Boards. Each board states the school mission of Come to school; Excel; and Show respect. The board are dry erase so instructors may change expectations as needed.

Daily	School Wide	School Mission- Come to School; Excel; Show Respect
Daily	School Wide	Panther Pride Club- Students may earn Panther Pride stickers to wear throughout the day. Stickers display the student's name and behavior which may include good attendance. Student's names are displayed in the hallway on a "bingo" board. When student's get ten names in a row, they bingo earning a prize.
Weekly	As Needed	3-Day; 5-Day Meaningful contact with parent or guardian by Communities in Schools Facilitator
Weekly	As Needed	Utilization of Communities in Schools Facilitator
Monthly	School Wide	Monthly attendance is displayed for staff and students on main hallway bulletin board. (Board also displays slogan, Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow.)
Monthly	School Wide	Student of the Month Program- Students must have good attendance to be considered for Student of the Month.
Quarterly	School Wide	Students with perfect attendance earn a Matchbox car race. Students race cars to determine winners. Winners are awarded prizes. All racers receive an attendance pencil, certificate and ice cream social.
Yearly	School Wide	Perfect Attendance Field Trip for students that have perfect attendance for the school year.
Yearly	School Wide	Perfect attendance trophies
Yearly	School Wide	Perfect attendance certificates
Yearly	School Wide	Faithful attendance certificates
Yearly	School Wide	Attendance assembly
<b>Classroom Incentives</b>		
Pre-K	Across Grade Level	"Connections"- Preschool staff will connect school with home by making daily personal calls to parents/guardians when preschool students are absent. Classroom incentives (prize from prize box) will be offered for Pre-K students attending Monday-Thursday. Sticker charts will be displayed in classrooms and students will put a sticker on their chart each day present.
Kindergarten	Across Grade Level	"Treasures"- Individual students that have perfect attendance for the week earn a "trip" to the treasure box for a prize.
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Across Grade Level	"Brownie Points"- Each day the class will earn a "brownie" point for having perfect attendance for the class. When the brownie pan is filled, the class will receive a reward of the teacher's choice.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Across Grade Level	"Learner Luncheon"- Any student having perfect attendance for the week will earn the privilege to have lunch in the classroom with their teacher the following week. Students will also earn Dojo points for each day they are present. Points can be used in the Dojo store.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Across Grade Level	"Spell out Perfect Attendance"- Each day the class has perfect attendance they earn a letter to put on the board. When they "spell" out the words "Perfect Attendance", they receive a classroom wide reward. The class with the best attendance for the day will get to go to lunch first.
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade/Special Needs	Across Grade Level	"Spell out Perfect Attendance"- Each day the class has perfect attendance, they earn a letter to put on the board. When they "spell" out the words "Perfect Attendance", they receive a classroom wide reward. The class with the best attendance for the day will get to go to lunch first.

5 <sup>th</sup> Grade/Special Needs	Across Grade Level	“Dojo Points”- Students can earn Dojo points for each day they are present. Points can be used to earn prizes.
3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Special Needs	Read 180	“Present for Reading”- Each day Read 180 students are present they will earn \$5.00 in faux game dollars. When students earn \$25.00 they will earn board game time.
Special Needs K-2 <sup>nd</sup>	Across Grade Level	“Present for Prizes”- Students will receive a sticker each day for being present. Once they receive five stickers, students can earn a trip to the prize box.
Speech	All Grade Levels	“Speechless for Attendance”- If student attend weekly speech lessons they will earn a trip to the treasure chest.





# Clay County Middle School Attendance Incentives 2022-2023



## Short Term School Wide Student Incentives:

### Description

Daily

If everyone is here, at ten dance.

During each evening's announcement, students are told, the daily attendance rate and which grade had the best attendance for the day. Grade level with the best attendance for the week receives gym floor during Fun Friday. Announcements end with, "We will see you right back here tomorrow," to remind students of expectations to be here.

Weekly

When students are present the entire week, their names go into the one-hundred Dollar jar drawing to be held at the end of the year; they are also eligible to attend Fun Friday.

The first block class with the highest attendance for the week, is dismissed first to lunch.

Monthly

The first block with the highest average daily attendance for the month receives The traveling trophy and gets to eat lunch with the principal. The names of each Student with perfect attendance for the month are entered into a drawing for twenty dollars from Mr. Payton, drawn monthly.

Students with perfect attendance for the month are eligible to attend an attendance bingo game.

# Long Term School Wide Student Incentives

## Description

Semester	As long as a student maintains perfect attendance during a semester, that student is admitted to any paid activity free. At the end of each six week term, students can earn a reward trip with no unexcused absences.
Yearly	If students have perfect attendance for the year, they are recognized during Awards Day and receive a certificate. The Hundred Dollar Jar Drawing will be held during Awards Day. Winners must be present! Students also receive a personalized YETI cup.

# Clay County High School Attendance Incentive Chart 2022-2023



## Short Term School Wide Student Incentives

Time Frame	Description
Daily	During each morning's announcement, students are told, the daily attendance rate and which grade had the best attendance for the day. If everyone is here, at ten dance. Announcements end with, "We will see you right back here tomorrow," to remind students of expectation to be here.
Weekly	The LINKS with the best attendance for the week is dismissed to lunch first and earns an extended lunch one day the following week. Seniors with perfect attendance for the week are entered into a drawing for the VIP Parking Spot for the next week.
Monthly	The LINKS with the highest average daily attendance for the month receives the traveling trophy, gets to eat first, and has extended lunch on the day the award is announced. Families of students with perfect attendance for the month receive a My Child is Perfect decal.
Quarterly	Students with perfect attendance for the term earn preferred activity time in the gym, the commons, and the library. Any LINKS group with 95% attendance for the term and no chronically absent students also earns the reward. If the entire school has at least 95% average daily attendance and no more than 10% chronically absent, the entire school earns the activity.

## Long Term School Wide Student Incentives

### Semester

If a student maintains perfect attendance during a semester, that student is admitted to any paid activity free. Students who have three unexcused absences for the semester may add 3% to their semester tests. Students who have two unexcused absences may add 5% to their semester tests. Students with one unexcused absence may add 7% to their semester tests. Students with perfect attendance may add ten percent to their semester tests. Seniors may choose not to take the semester exam if they have a C in the course and have perfect attendance. Students with perfect attendance for the semester are recognized over the intercom. LINKS with the best attendance in each grade earns a Reward Trip.

### Yearly

Students schedule for next year's classes based on attendance. If students have perfect attendance for the year, they are recognized during Awards Day and receive a certificate. Students with faithful attendance are also recognized with a certificate. Students who maintain perfect attendance all through high school are recognized during Hall of Fame.

## CCHS Classroom Incentives

### Weekly Classroom Incentives

Students earn ten minutes of preferred activity time each Friday the class has fewer than five absences for the week.

Students earn 100 points as a group for a class grade each week the entire class is present every day.

### **For weekly individual rewards, attendance must be perfect.**

Students with perfect attendance the previous week are dismissed first to leave the room.

Students with perfect attendance for the previous week earn opportunity to choose where to sit the following week.

Students with perfect attendance for the previous week may listen to music with earbuds during independent work.

Students present the entire week have their names posted on the Attendance Wall of Fame

Students earn a Homework Pass with a week of perfect attendance.

Students earn five points on their weekly assignment with a week of perfect attendance.

Students earn five points on their weekly assignment if the entire class is present the entire week.

Students earn a 100% on an assignment without completing it if they have perfect attendance for the week.

## **Monthly or by Grading Period**

### **For monthly individual rewards, the teacher may consider awarding those with one or no absences:**

Students earn a game day or a movie day if the class has fewer than twenty absences during the month. Send a note home thanking families for encouraging attendance for those with perfect attendance or the month.

### **For grading period individual rewards, the teacher might consider awarding those with two or fewer absences:**

A student who has perfect attendance the entire grading period may drop his/her lowest grade. Students with perfect attendance the entire grading period may replace one grade with 100%. Students with perfect attendance, no disciplinary actions, and all assignments completed earn at least a C for the term.

### **For semester individual rewards, the teacher might consider awarding those with four or fewer absences:**

Schoolwide Incentive – As long as a student maintains perfect attendance during the semester, that student is admitted to any paid activity free. Students, who have three unexcused absences for the semester may add 3% to their semester tests. Students, who have two unexcused absences, may add 5% to their semester tests. Students, with one unexcused absence, may add 7% to their semester tests. Students with perfect attendance may add 10% to their semester tests. Seniors may choose not to take the semester exam, if they have a C in the course and have perfect attendance for the semester. Students with perfect attendance for the semester will be recognized over the intercom.

### **For final individual rewards, one might consider those with eight or fewer absences.**

Students schedule for the next year's classes based on attendance. Students who have faithful and perfect attendance for the year receive a certificate during Awards day. Students, who maintain perfect attendance all through high school, are recognized during the Hall of Fame ceremony at the end of the year.

- Note: Attendance plans and incentives are subject to change and may not run concurrently in accordance with each school's schedule and other activities.



By attending class regularly, your child is more likely to keep up with the daily lessons and assignments and take quizzes and tests on time.

Students, who attend school regularly, are more likely to pass reading and math assessments than students who don't attend school on a regular basis.

For older students, being in school every day gives them a chance to learn more about college and scholarship opportunities, and to take the important exams they need to build a successful academic record.

Just by being present at school, your child is learning how to be a good citizen by participating in the school community, learning valuable social skills, and developing a broader world view.

Poor school attendance is a strong predictor of school dropout. Children can't learn if they aren't present in school, so attendance is a must. It takes TEAM WORK – Parents, students, and schools working together to ensure the best for our children.

