



LINCOLN PARK ACADEMY

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Dear Lincoln Park Family,

This formal letter is for informational purposes so that you are made aware of Ohio's updated law concerning student attendance (HB96).

Regular student attendance is extremely important. Not only is it our policy that students are in school every day and on time, but it is also required by state law. Daily attendance for students is expected, and mandatory.

HB96 came into effect on September 30, 2025. Per Ohio Revised Code Section 3321.191, "Chronically Absent" is defined as missing at least 10% of the minimum number of hours required in the school year under section 3313.48 of the Revised Code for the school a student attends. Chronically Absent is being absent from school for any reason. A student is considered to be on track to reach Chronic Absenteeism at the end of the school year when they miss 2-3 days of school per month.

"Habitual Truant" is defined as a child of compulsory school age who is absent without a legitimate excuse from the public school the child is supposed to attend for 30 or more consecutive hours, 42 or more hours in one school month, or 72 or more hours in a school year. As of September 30, 2025, when a student meets the definition of habitually truant, the school or district must file a complaint in juvenile court if the student is not making satisfactory progress in improving attendance.

It is at the discretion of school administration to excuse absences without medical documentation being submitted. When your child is absent, the legal guardian should write a note to request the absence(s) be excused. The note should include the date of the request, the child's legal first and last name, the date(s) of the absence(s), and the reason why your child could not attend school. You should submit physical documentation in-person at your child's school, or you may email it to Amber Caldarelli at acaldarelli@acalincolnp.com.

Ohio law requires schools must communicate about attendance concerns no later than when a student has missed 5% of the minimum number of hours for any reason. This is approximately 45-50 hours (7.5-8.5 school days) total. At this point, a meeting will occur to discuss your scholar's attendance.

Please call the main office at 216-263-7008 if you have any additional questions.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership,

Lincoln Park Academy Administration