Morning Attendance Calls

At Killeen Independent School District, we work diligently with campuses and families to make sure our students are at school every day! And because your student's safety is important to us, we will begin sending out Morning Attendance Calls through our district automated call system when your student is tardy and/or absent during the morning attendance period. Beginning **Tuesday, September 3, 2019**, the Morning Attendance call will begin at 9:00 am for all Elementary and 10:00 am for Haynes ES, Saegert ES, Maude Moore ES, all Middle Schools, High schools, Gateway Schools.

This call is in addition to our already scheduled Evening Attendance Calls. This initiative is in response to the safety concerns about students moving to and from their bus stops or walking to schools early in the morning as well as their safety throughout the school day.

Beginning on **Tuesday, September 3, 2019**, we will call, email and/or text the Parent and/or Guardian that you have designated. This call will go out in the morning to notify you that your student has been marked tardy or absent during the morning attendance period.

If you are aware that your student is on a field trip, on a trip for athletics, or in testing, please allow 24-48 hours for the attendance office at your student's campus to update their records.

Please be sure to fill out and return the attached form to your campus to be sure your Guardian Notification information is correct. You may request to opt out of receiving emails or text messages. It is vital that you let your student's campus know any time you change your contact information. If you have any questions, feel free to contact your campus for more information.

We strive to enhance campus safety and create a safe environment for the education of our students to allow them to be successful in every class. We want to see every student show up and move forward!

BLACKBOARD CONNECT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Blackboard Connect is a notification system used by the Killeen Independent School District (KISD) to communicate information to parents/guardians. It is used for communications related to emergencies, attendance and district/campus informational messages. Information for the first parent/guardian entered on student registration cards is used for the default phone numbers and e-mail address needed by Blackboard Connect.

Emergency Notifications:
- Blackboard Connect will send out notifications to all phone numbers and e-mail address stored within its system for each student.
- The default phone numbers and e-mail address used by Blackboard Connect will be those entered for the first parent/guardian record on student registration card.

Attendance:
- Blackboard Connect will send out notifications for absences to one phone number.
- The default phone number will be the first number found in this order: Home, Work, Home (Alt.), Work (Alt.), Mobile, Mobile (Alt.)

Informational Messages:
- Blackboard Connect will send out these notifications to one phone number.
- The default phone number will be the first number found in this order: Home, Work, Home (Alt.), Work (Alt.), Mobile, Mobile (Alt.)

Blackboard Connect has room to store six phone numbers for the main contact: Home, Work, Home (Alt.), Work (Alt.), Mobile and Mobile (Alt.). Blackboard Connect also provides a place to store one Additional contact phone# that will receive all notifications (no default number is entered by the district).

The primary parent/guardian has the right to change which phone numbers and/or e-mail address are used in Blackboard Connect for Attendance and Informational Messages if the defaults are not acceptable. The primary contact can also request that the district not use their Work# and/or Cell# for either notification. Finally, the primary contact can opt to receive text messages on a mobile phone.

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Please indicate your preferences below:

ID#: _____ Student Name: _____ Campus: _____

- **Primary#** (*Informational Messages*): (_____) _____ - _____

- **Attendance#:** (_____) _____ - _____

- Yes, I do want to receive text messages. Use Cell#: (_____) _____ - _____

- Do not use my Work# or Cell# for non-emergency notifications? (circle any: Work / Mobile)

- **Additional#:** (_____) _____ - _____   Name: _____

- Alternate e-mail address:

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