



Attendance News

CLAREMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Please call ...

When a student is absent from school for any reason, it is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to notify the school of the child's absence. The compulsory education law requires all students to be accounted for, each and every day.



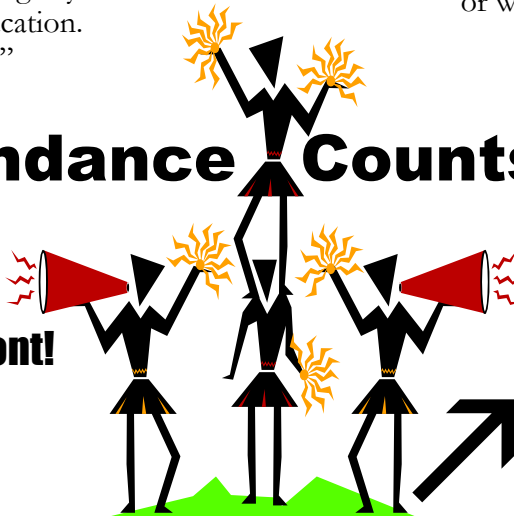
You may have become accustomed to receiving a call from your school's attendance clerk or office staff

when your child is missing from class. Because of budget cuts, however, there has been a reduction of personnel available to make these calls to your home. Please take the initiative and call your school's attendance line as soon as possible on the day of your child's absence.

From the S.B.County District Attorney: "Parents, your job is to make sure your kids get to school and stay there. Give your kids the best gift you can – a good education. It lasts a lifetime!"

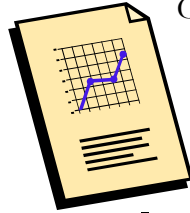
Attendance Counts

Go
Claremont!



Keep
it up!

We did it again ...



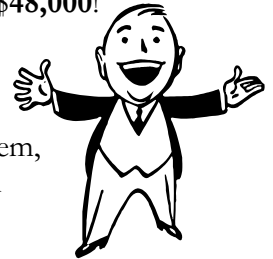
Claremont students have improved their attendance rate by an average of two percent over last year! I am pleased to report that the increase is not in just a few schools, but in every single school in our District.



More attendance means more learning, more success, and more responsible students.

The payoff ...

During our first six months of school, Independent Study Contracts have earned our district approximately \$48,000! That's 1,187 days of attendance – and funding – gained rather than lost. Many thanks to the teachers who prepare and evaluate the contracts, the administrative staff who account for them, the students who successfully complete them, and the parents and guardians who encourage them!



Your contributions ...

Many families are making voluntary donations (\$40/day or whatever is comfortable) for those occasions when their children must be out of school for any reason. We appreciate your generous response to this suggestion made in our last issue of *Attendance News*.

Wise words ...

"Our progress as a nation can be no swifter than our progress in education. The human mind is our fundamental resource."

-John Fitzgerald Kennedy

