

# Elementary Attendance for CARE and In-Person Learning: Family FAQ

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## CARE Attendance Questions

### **How will attendance requirements change for my student if they are in a CARE classroom?**

Daily attendance for students in CARE classrooms will continue to be based on Canvas log-ins and activity. Students will log in for virtual instruction while in their classroom, and attendance will be captured there. Staff members leading each class will also take attendance, but this in-person attendance is not used for legal daily attendance requirements.

### **What if my student misses CARE but still attends virtually at home?**

Since daily attendance for CARE students will be based on virtual attendance, they will not be considered absent for the day. The staff member leading your child's CARE class will indicate that they were physically absent from their CARE class. Based on this, a school staff member will reach out to check in and offer support.

### **Will my student lose their CARE seat if they are missing CARE attending virtually at home?**

If a student does not physically attend their assigned CARE class at least once within the first 5 days, the student will lose their seat. Students will also lose seats if they accumulate 15 **cumulative** unexcused **physical** absences. Additionally, CARE students will be withdrawn from their school according to the attendance policy after 20 **consecutive** unexcused **daily** absences.

## In-Person Learning Attendance Questions

### **How will attendance requirements change for my student if they are in a full in-person learning classroom?**

Daily attendance for students in full in-person learning classrooms will be based on the attendance that your child's teacher takes each day. If your student is not physically present at school, they will be considered absent for the day.

### **Will my student lose their in-person learning seat if they are absent from school?**

If a student does not attend their assigned in-person learning class at least once within the first 5 days, the student will lose their seat. Additionally, in-person learning students will be withdrawn according to the attendance policy after 20 **consecutive** unexcused **daily** absences.

## CARE & IPL Attendance Questions

### **Is attendance still mandatory for students this year?**

DC law indicates that students ages 5-17 are required to attend school. In Term 2, depending on the age of your students, there may be several options for the type of instruction DCPS offers. It is expected that all students will continue to attend regularly. Parents should submit excuse notes in instances in which their child is unable to attend virtually (if in a CARE classroom or a virtual learning posture) or in-person (if assigned to an in-person learning classroom).

### **What are the attendance expectations for my student during a class quarantine?**

During quarantine period(s), students are expected to log into Canvas for distance learning unless they are ill. Attendance for students during this time, whether in-person or CARE, will be based on Canvas log-ins and activity. In cases where students are ill and not able to log in, parents must submit an excuse note so absences can be properly noted.

### **What happens if my child needs to quarantine due to an activity or possible exposure that occurred outside of school?**

If your child is too ill to participate in school, parents must submit an excuse note to your schools' attendance POC within 5 days so absences can be properly noted.