



Attendance Policy

Getting to school on time is key to your child's success – at school and in life. Late students miss vital academic time and we would like to instill timeliness as a value in order to prepare our students for college and beyond. At Romero Academies the learning begins from the moment students walk in the door. Students who are late miss essential instruction, disrupt the learning of other children, and risk falling behind in our ambitious curriculum.

School Hours

The school hours are from 7:45am to 3:00pm.

Students may arrive to school as early as 7:25am for breakfast.

Students must arrive to school no later than 7:45am. Dismissal begins at 3:00pm. All students must be picked up by 3:20pm to avoid fines.

Tardies

Any child who arrives to school at 7:46am or later is considered tardy. There are no exceptions to this.

If your child is going to be tardy, you should:

- Text or call the office by 7:45 a.m. and say: "(Child name) will not be at school until (Time) due to (Reason for Tardy)."
 - If possible, please provide a doctor's note with the date, time, and reason your child is late.

Excused tardies include only doctor's appointments and documented transportation issues. Every three tardies will amount to one unexcused absence.

Absences

A child should be at school unless they are sick or there has been a death in the family. Doctor's appointments should not be a reason to miss an entire day of school.

A student may have up to 15 absences. Per Ohio Ed Choice Policy, 20 or more absences will result in loss of scholarship. If your student loses their scholarship, the parents will be charged \$620 per month for tuition. Payment must be received in order for the student to continue attending Romero Academies.

If your child is going to be absent, you must:

- Text or call the office before 9:00am: "(Child name) will be absent on (today's date) because (reason)."

Excused absences include illness, death in immediate family, and hospitalization. For an absence to be considered excused a note from a doctor or hospital must be provided. In the case of the death of an immediate family member, a death certificate or obituary must be submitted.

Failure to comply with attendance expectations will result in the loss of EdChoice Scholarship and possible expulsion from school community.

Truancy

The State of Ohio defines truancy as “any child who is absent without legitimate excuse for absence from the school the child is supposed to attend for thirty or more consecutive hours, forty-two or more hours in one school month, or seventy-two or more hours in one school year.”

If a student is absent for more than three consecutive days without notifying the school, Romero Acadmies will make daily phone and text attempts to contact the parents and emergency contacts to determine if the child is ok. If contact cannot be made, a letter will be sent via certified mail after 10 consecutive days of no contact by the family. After 15 consecutive days of no contact by the family, Romero Academies will report the child as truant the State of Ohio.