

Attendance Matters

Dowdall Elementary School



What the state of Michigan law says about school attendance

According to the Michigan State Compulsory Attendance Act (MCL 380.1561), every parent, guardian or other person in charge of a child 6-16 years of age must send the child to school.

The child's attendance must be continuous and consecutive for the entire school year.

Special points of interest:

- State law attendance requirements
- Kearsley school's attendance policy

Kearsley Schools Attendance Policy

The Kearsley School Board encourages attendance at school by all students. They recognize the value of daily instruction and believe that there are negative consequences associated with chronic absenteeism. Therefore, Kearsley students must be in attendance **90%** of all instructional days and **90%** of the instructional hours.

Students who fall below this level will be sent reminder letters as to the importance of attending school. Those who chronically are absent or tardy may require a meeting with the Genessee Intermediate School District's attendance liaison to create an attendance improvement plan.

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Daily schedule

Arrival Bell rings at 8:15am

Tardy Bell rings at 8:25am

Dismissal Bell rings at 3:15pm



This school year, Dowdall will be partnering with Horace-Mann insurance to provide a special incentive for students to earn perfect attendance.

All students with perfect attendance during each semester will be placed in a drawing to win a Bike. We will draw the name of one lucky boy and one lucky girl and each will receive a new bicycle compliments s of Horace Mann.