

Holiday Attendance Challenge

Secondary Schools

With the winter holiday nearing quickly, we'd like to create a friendly competition among our secondary students that will help to motivate students (and their parents) to prioritize attendance and be in class on time every day. During the holiday months of November and December, parent and student buy-in can be especially critical.

These are school specific competitions that will run November through December. Winners will be announced in January. Categories are:

- **Student w/ most Improved Attendance – 2** (Attendance in Nov & Dec compared to Sept & Oct)
- **Student w/ Perfect Attendance - 2** (Attendance for the calendar months of Nov & Dec)
- **Most Inspirational Effort – 1** (Subjective – school selects)

Rules:

Perfect attendance requires the student to be in school and on time – no tardies. Absence for any part of the day is still an absence, even if excused by a parent. School-sponsored or promoted enrichment activities off campus during the school day are allowed. No ties allowed so school staff will be asked to make the final call if the need arises. Two winners with perfect attendance will be drawn at random from Skyward. Teachers should nominate students with most improved attendance to be selected by school admin. Schools will select their own criteria for one “Most Inspirational Effort” student.

Prizes:

- Students selected for **Most Improved Attendance** and those drawn with **Perfect Attendance** will get a gift card (prize varies).
- **Student with “Most Inspirational Effort”** will get a gift card (prize varies) and an award certificate signed by the principal and superintendent.

Other Details:

Promotion should be announced November 5. We ask that you share as often as possible with [parents and students – newsletters, emails, website and social media (graphics will be provided)].

We encourage teachers to get kids excited and share photos or stories from their classrooms. For example – take a selfie with your class on a day when all kids are in attendance! If your kids are photo released we can share the photo on social media to promote the incentive program.

Help us convey the message that attendance matters this winter holiday, and the rest of the 2018-19 school year!

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