



ATTENDANCE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

As a college preparatory school, Lake Norman Charter wants to make sure that new families are aware of policies that we have in place to ensure that our students are in attendance and minimize absences which have a direct effect on student learning.

First and foremost, it is imperative that you have your student attend while school is in session, beginning with the first day, to ensure their academic success. Charter schools are funded in large part based on the number of students attending during the first 20 school days of the year. LNC's funding is reduced for every day a student is absent (regardless of reason) during this period. For this reason, during the first 20 days of the school year, LNC will closely monitor absences and will require documentation (i.e. letter from medical provider, etc.). In past years, the school has faced decreased funding because students have not returned to school at the beginning of the year because of family vacations and for similar reasons. The Office of Charter Schools has clarified that a charter school may treat unexcused failures to attend as a withdrawal.

If a student (new or returning) fails to attend at any point during the first 20 days of school, LNCS reserves the right to treat the absence as a withdrawal and to offer the student's enrollment slot immediately to a student on the waiting list.

Withdrawal Policy

A student forfeits his or her slot awarded for that academic year via the lottery selection process upon written withdrawal from Lake Norman Charter School or by making a request for records to be sent to another school for enrollment at that school. In addition, should a student fail to attend school on the first scheduled day of the current school year without any prior notice of absence to the school, LNC will make an attempt to contact the family or legal guardian to determine the reason for the student's absence. Contact attempts will be made by both telephone and e-mail, using the contact information currently on file with LNC or provided by a new student during the registration process. If the student fails to attend school within 48 hours of attempted contact, the school will withdraw the student from LNC's roster with no eligibility for re-enrollment for the remainder of the then-current school year.

After withdrawal, a former student who desires to re-enroll at LNC will be required to follow the same application procedures and timelines as all other applicants for the next available lottery selection process.

I have read the attendance expectations and policy above. I understand & agree that as an LNC parent partner, I will make every effort to have my student(s) be at school when it is in session.

Student Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date _____