

# Beattie Middle School

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The Redlands Unified School District urges parents to make sure their children attend school regularly and to schedule medical and other appointments after school or during holidays. The District also asks that travel or other absences be avoided during the time school is in session. The higher the District's daily attendance rate, the more a student will learn and the greater the amount of funding that the District will receive from the state for classroom instruction and academic programs. The school calendar is designed to minimize problems for families who plan vacations around traditional holiday periods, and thereby minimize student absences.

Following an absence, a student is required to bring a written excuse from home when returning to school. Illnesses and doctor/dental appointments are considered excused absences. Absences without a written excuse are recorded as unexcused.

When your child misses school frequently each year the amount of total school missed accumulates over the entire school career and may cause a loss of important education. The following are examples of potential education versus actual education for students who are frequently absent, based on 13 years of education with 180 days of instruction per year.

Possible Days	Actual Days	Attendance Rate	Days Missed in 13 years	Average Days Missed per Year	Education Loss
2340	2340	100%	0	0	0
2340	2317	99%	23	2	negligible
2340	2223	95%	117	9 (1 per month)	$\frac{2}{3}$ of a year
2340	2106	90%	234	18 (2 per month)	1 $\frac{2}{3}$ years
2340	1755	75%	585	45 (5 per month)	3 $\frac{1}{4}$ years
2340	1170	50%	1170	90 (10 per month)	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ years