

## Missing Child Information

At Imagine Groveport Community School, we prioritize student safety and adhere to state laws to ensure the well-being of our students. In compliance with the Missing Child's Law, we require parents or guardians to provide proof of the student's date of birth, residency, and custody during registration. Additionally, within 24 hours of a student's entry into the school, a school official will request the student's official records from their most recent elementary school. If the previous school indicates it has no records or if the records are not received within 14 days, or if the student does not present a certification of birth or comparable certificate, the Principal may notify the local law enforcement agency of the possibility that the student may be a missing child, as defined in State Law.

Consistent tracking of each child's attendance is conducted daily. Parents or guardians should notify the school by the morning of any school day their child will be absent. The excuse will be submitted to the attendance office and filed as part of the student's school record. If your child is not reported absent, you will receive a call from the school office inquiring about your child's absence. We encourage good attendance daily to ensure continuity of learning. However, if your child is absent, please send a note on the day of return to verify the absence. For detailed information, please refer to our student handbook, accessible on our district webpage, which includes our entire district attendance policy.

We recognize the importance of identifying children who have become lost or have been abducted. In compliance with the Missing Child's Law, we meet the requirements for Ohio Revised Code for admission to school, as well as House Bill 410 for tracking attendance throughout the school year. We require that parents or guardians submit proof of the following: date of birth, residency, and custody upon registering. Within 24 hours of the student's entry into the school, a school official shall request the student's official records from the elementary school they most recently attended. If the school the student claims to have most recently attended indicates that it has no records of the student's attendance or the records are not received within 14 days of the date of request, or the student does not present a certification of birth or comparable certificate, the Principal may notify the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction in the area where the student resides of this fact and of the possibility that the student may be a missing child, as defined in State Law.

Consistent tracking of every child's attendance is taken on a daily basis. Parents or guardians should notify the school by the morning of any school day their child is not attending. The excuse will be submitted to the attendance office and filed as part of the student's school record. If your child is not reported absent, you will receive a call from the school office inquiring about your child's absence. We encourage good attendance daily to ensure continuity of learning. However, if your child is absent, be sure to send a note on the day of return to verify their absence.

Please refer to the following resources:

- The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children  
<http://www.missingkids.com/Publications/Missing>
- Ohio Attorney General's Missing Children  
<http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Law-Enforcement/Local-Law-Enforcement/Ohio-MissingPersons/Missing-Person-Resources>