



February 8, 2023

Re: PreK Attendance Agreement

Welcome to DeSoto Parish Schools PreK Program Class of 2037! We are extremely glad to have the opportunity to work with you and your child as they begin the road to becoming lifelong learners. DeSoto serves to care for our students, ensure their learning, and celebrate their graduation as citizens prepared to transform their dreams into realities.

Attendance is a vital part of a successful school and learning experience. Regular attendance ensures children benefit from participating in quality early education. Research shows that students who miss too many days of preschool have weaker literacy and numeracy skills entering kindergarten.

**Preschool students are required to adhere to the same state attendance regulations as all other students.** In order for students to be compliant with the State Attendance Policy, elementary students must be present a minimum of 160 days. Parents of PreK students with 6 unexcused absences, including tardies and early check outs, will be required to attend a Mandatory Parenting Session. Failure to comply will result in a FINS referral to attend Truancy Court.

Absences due to a doctor/dentist visit, court appearance, or death in the family will not be included when calculating attendance as long as proper documentation is submitted within **3 school days**. A parent note will still count toward absences.

By signing this Contract, you agree to the requirements of the DeSoto Parish Schools Attendance Policy and expectations.

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Parent Signature

Date