

First United Methodist Church
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Neighborhood Ministries
Attendance Policy

Our after-school ministry has grown by leaps and bounds in recent years. It is because of this that we are returning to a policy that we adopted in the 2004-2005 school year. In the past, we have kept track of attendance, but never really enforced any attendance policies. However, our waiting list has grown and our budget for staff, snacks and materials is strained. Please, if your child/ren will be absent call and let us know.

In addition to this, if your child is unable to attend the program consistently, we will be talking to you regarding your wishes to continue on the enrollment list. Perhaps you may want to consider withdrawing your child if s/he can't attend. Excessive absences become a problem when there are other children waiting to come into the program. Since our waiting list is predominately those waiting for a vacancy on one of our pick up routes, it is highly important that your child/ren attends the program daily if they occupy one of the seats. Therefore, if your child has more than 10 days of absences accumulated in a semester, you will receive a call to verify that you still wish to have him/her in the program.

If you still wish to have your child continue in the program, we will work with you to gain faithful attendance. Although, should absenteeism (without cause) continue to be a problem, we will withdraw your child/ren from the program.