

March 8, 2021

**To:** Parents of Spectrum Students

**Re: Important Updates Regarding Attendance**

Spectrum Parents/Guardians,



I would like to start by thank you for your ongoing support and for ensuring your student has been attending school through each of the required learning model shifts that have taken place since March of 2020 (in accordance with the various executive orders and the Minnesota Department of Education's [MDE] Safe Learning Plan).

Since the beginning of the pandemic last spring, MDE has encouraged schools to do what is necessary to make it convenient for students to attend school and for families to support them. In following those recommendations, schools have been more lenient in defining attendance, while also going the extra mile to work with students and their families and provide accountability and additional supports.

Now that students finally all have the opportunity to be back on campus four days a week at Spectrum, the school will be implementing our more traditional attendance policy for second semester. This policy is located in the *2020-2021 Family/Student Handbook* (pp. 13-16), which can be found on the school's website [here](#). Students learn best and teachers and school counselors can best support them when they attend school regularly (whether on campus or through distance learning).

Attendance letters are typically sent out when students reach 5, 8, and/or 10 days of absence either per class or school day. If you receive one of these letters and have any questions, please feel free to follow up with your student and/or contact the Health and Attendance Clerk, School Counselor, or Dean of Students at your student's building:

#### School Counselor

- Sadie Snodgrass (grades 6-8) at 763.450.9807 or [snodgrass@spectrumhighschool.org](mailto:snodgrass@spectrumhighschool.org)
- Angie Scott (grades 9-10) at 763.450.9022 or [ascott@spectrumhighschool.org](mailto:ascott@spectrumhighschool.org)
- Blake Mayes (grades 11-12) at 763.450.9853 or [bmayes@spectrumhighschool.org](mailto:bmayes@spectrumhighschool.org)

#### Health and Attendance Clerk

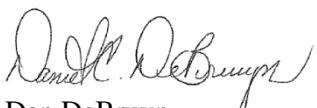
- Joyce Emmel (grade 6) at 763.450.9857 or [jemmel@spectrumhighschool.org](mailto:jemmel@spectrumhighschool.org)
- Sara Burfeind (grades 7-8) at 763.450.9860 or [sburfeind@spectrumhighschool.org](mailto:sburfeind@spectrumhighschool.org)
- Michele Newberger (grades 9-12) at 763.450.9804 or [mnewberger@spectrumhighschool.org](mailto:mnewberger@spectrumhighschool.org)

#### Dean of Students

- Seth Mills (grades 6-8) at 763.450.9809 or [smills@spectrumhighschool.org](mailto:smills@spectrumhighschool.org)
- Darrell Skog (grades 9-12) at 763.450.9806 or [dskog@spectrumhighschool.org](mailto:dskog@spectrumhighschool.org)

Our goal is to work with families to ensure students are attending while providing supports necessary for students to be successful.

Sincerely,



Dan DeBruyn  
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Spectrum Middle School & Spectrum High School