



# James I. Gibson Elementary School

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Dear Goldminer Family,

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to a great school year, with students in classes and ready to learn every day.

We have learned that students who miss even a few days of school each month are at far greater risk of academic failure and dropout than students who attend regularly. In addition, parents and legal guardians are required to send their students to school during all times that public school is in session, for the entire school day (NRS 392.040). State guidelines require that the school report students with excessive absences/tardies to the local law enforcement agency. Because attendance is so important, please send your child to school every day unless he or she has a contagious illness, is running a fever, or is vomiting.

Something to think about:

- There are 365 days in a year.
- There are only 180 school days.
- That leaves 185 other days for families to schedule appointments, vacations, family visits, and other activities. Please keep your child in school and safe from being at risk of academic failure by having them in school every day. We can't teach them if they are not here.

The chart below will help you keep track of your student's absences.

If your child is at risk of missing too much school, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or our school counselor, Mrs. Goodman, at 702-799-8730 for assistance. We will also monitor each student's attendance across the year so we can work with families when the number of absences puts a student at risk. We are happy to work with all families to improve school attendance and help every student to lead, achieve, and succeed in life.

Sincerely,  
Jill Keith, Principal

Date:	Date:	Date:	Date:	Date:	Date:	Date:	Date:	Date:	
Absence 1 Reason:	Absence 2 Reason:	Absence 3 Reason:	Absence 4 Reason:	Absence 5 Reason:	Absence 6 Reason:	Absence 7 Reason:	Absence 8 Reason:	Absence 9 Reason:	<b>Note:</b> Your student is at risk for academic difficulties and school failure with each absence beyond this point.