

September is National Attendance Awareness Month. Last year alone, Hawkins County Schools had 1105 students (16%) miss 16 or more school days. Some of these days were excused, but when you miss school you are going to get behind in your classes.

To help promote National Attendance Awareness Month, we are seeking entries for a peer-to-peer poster contest. The winning poster will be displayed at all HCS schools and featured on our website and Facebook page.

Students will design a poster emphasizing the importance of regular school attendance to their peers. Posters can be any size, but must meet the criteria below.

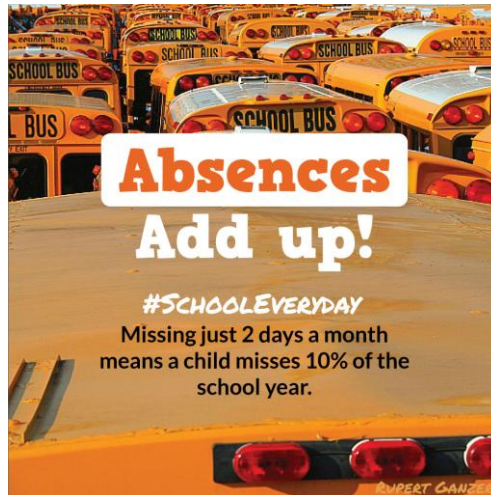
Here is what you will need for a winning poster –

1. Theme – Science Fiction
2. Slogans “Count Us Present” and/or “Achieving Excellence” needs to be shown.
3. “Hawkins County Schools” needs to be used shown.
4. Importance of attendance must be stressed.
5. Correlation between attendance and grades/test scores should be stressed.
6. Use bright colors and dark lines.
7. Please include your name, grade, teacher, and school on the **back** of your poster.
8. Please bring your poster to your school by **August 26, 2016**.

\*Look for ideas on the internet and good luck!

Each school will pick one finalist from the kindergarten to second grade category, one from the third to sixth grade category, one seventh to eighth grade category, and/or one from the ninth through twelfth grade to represent the school, as well as one honorable achievement finalist. **ONLY SEND THE FINALISTS’ POSTERS to Greg Sturgill by September 1, 2016.** The winning posters will be based on the representation of this year’s theme, as well as visual effectiveness and originality. An overall winner will be selected from these finalists.. Winners will be announced prior to the start of Attendance Awareness Month in September.

Please direct any questions to Greg Sturgill at [greg.sturgill@hck12.net](mailto:greg.sturgill@hck12.net).



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Help us to promote good attendance by creating a 30 second PSA (public service announcement). The winning video will be shown to all schools in Hawkins County and will be featured on the Hawkins County Schools website and Facebook page.

Here is what you will need for a winning video –

1. Video must be exactly 30 seconds long.
2. Theme – Science Fiction
3. Slogan- **“Count Us Present”** and **“Achieving Excellence”** needs to be used/shown in video.
4. **“Hawkins County Schools”** needs to be used has a footer in video.
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Video must be submitted to Greg Sturgill, Supervisor of Attendance by **September 1, 2016**.