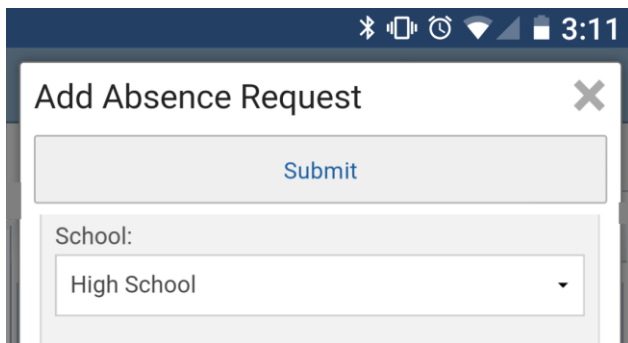


EGRPS Parent Tech Update

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Skyward Mobile App Allows Attendance Logging !

Skyward, our student information system, has added the ability to submit attendance requests on their mobile app. Before this recent update, attendance requests needed to be entered using a computer browser. With the latest mobile app, available for Android and iPhone, families can enter attendance information quickly and securely. Simply go to the attendance section of the app and choose "Add Absence Request". Using the Skyward Mobile app families can also see student schedules, gradebooks, report cards, and standardized assessment results. If you had the app before, please visit app updates on your device to confirm you have version 1.10.1 for Android and 1.26.4 on iPhone to ensure you have access to this new functionality!



Online Tools Available To Families:

Submitting an Absence Request:

Click [here](#) to learn how to submit a request using the mobile app and [here](#) for how to submit using a computer browser

Skyward Family Access: egrps.org/skyward

Parents can securely access all of their student's information from our Skyward Family Access portal

Alert Notification Preferences:

Click [here](#) and learn how to customize your alert notifications for text, email and telephone calls

School Lunch Menus and My Payment Plus:

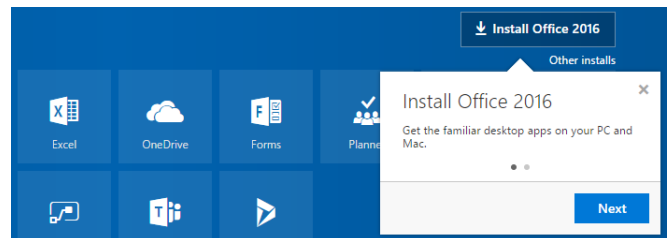
Visit our Food Service page [here](#) for the latest menus and for information on maintaining student lunch accounts

Online Accessibility:

If you or someone in your family needs assistance viewing our online content please visit our [Web Accessibility](#) page and contact us at support@egrps.org

Microsoft Office for Students

All EGRPS students and staff members can download Microsoft Professional Plus as well as use Microsoft Office 365 Online. We have run this announcement before but want to ensure everyone is aware for the start of school. To access the Office software, users can log in to <https://portal.office.com> using their @egrps.org username and password. Under the heading "Install Office 2016", you will find an "Install now" button. Use this button to install Office 2016 on up to five (5) of your personal Windows and Macintosh devices. We recommend unchecking the "Make Bing your search engine" and "Make MSN your browser homepage" before clicking the "Install now" button.



At the same address, district users also have access to Microsoft Office 365 which is the online version of Word, Excel, and PowerPoint accessible via a web browser. This software works very similar to Google Docs. You can store documents in the Microsoft cloud and open them from any device with access to the Internet. The district will continue to standardize on Google Docs and does not have plans to change to the Microsoft product as our district platform. We view this Microsoft Office Pro and Microsoft Office 365 opportunity as providing additional tools which may be helpful for our families.

Melinda Gates Discusses Parenting and the iGeneration

In this [Washington Post Article](#) Melinda Gates, philanthropist and mother of three, discusses Device Free Dinners, the Family Media Plan, and other important family related technology topics.

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“Phones and apps aren’t good or bad by themselves, but ...”