



Support and Resources for Gladstone's Children

Education is the path to long-term success for every child. Getting each student to school and avoiding regular absences is vital.

Meeting the many needs of a child can be challenging, and each family encounters obstacles along the way. The issues below are common reasons students miss school. We have “helper” organizations and school resources ready to help with solutions to get your child to school. Please reach out for more information. They are active partners in our Every Day Matters effort.

Transportation: The school district website has information about bus routes. You can also speak to the office staff at your child's school.

Recurring illness, mental health issues, or dental issues: The Gladstone Health Clinic at the Gladstone Center for Children Families [18911 Portland Avenue] can provide health, dental care, and mental health services for your child. Call 503.655.8471 to get started.

Food needs: Visit the Gladstone Food Pantry, located behind Gladstone High School off Nelson Lane. The Pantry is open Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon.

Clothing needs: The Gladstone Kids Clothes Closet can provide clothing for youths from birth to age 21. They are open Thursdays from 3 to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon.

Laundry needs: If you have no laundry facilities, contact Laundry Love of Milwaukie at 503.473.1625 or email Hello@LoveOneCommunity.org. More information is available at <https://laundrylove.org/locations/>

Motivation to get to school: Look at every-day-matters.org for tips and tools to get out the door in the morning. Still stumped? Ask friends and family for their ideas, or speak to your child's teacher.

Challenges with academics: If your student is struggling with homework or feeling lost at school, please contact the teacher right away. Keep in mind that staying home will only make things worse.

Homelessness: Our school district homeless liaison Petra Hoghova can assist you. Contact her at hoghovap@gladstone.k12.or.us or talk to your school counselor.

Emotional issues or conflicts with peers, including bullying: If you suspect your student is being bullied or having other issues with friends, speak with him or her. It's important to share this concern with your school as well. Learn more at stopbullying.gov.

Conflicts with parent work schedules: If your work schedule sometimes interferes with getting your child to school, it's important to come up with a back-up plan. Make a pact with another parent, ask a trusted neighbor, or speak with your school for more ideas.