

# East Allen County Schools

## Parent Technology Newsletter

### Skyward Attendance for Guardians

Did you know that you can check your student's attendance, including tardies and absences, in Skyward Family Access? This can encourage punctuality and fewer missed classes. See the steps below or use the link to access a video tutorial.

1. Click on the Attendance Tile on the Main Dashboard in you Skyward Guardian Account
2. View the current school year excused and unexcused absences
3. Click on the Legend button in the top right corner if you are unsure of the attendance codes
4. Click on the Arrow next to the day of absence for more information

<https://bit.ly/2O7KHIO>

**Attendance**



### for Families

Do you have a student who is using Seesaw in their classroom? Seesaw is a simple way for teachers and students to record and share what's happening in the classroom. Seesaw gives students a place to document their learning, be creative, and learn how to use technology. When there are new Seesaw posts, families can be notified via app notification, email or text. Parents are only notified about their own child's work, and all data is safe and secure. Use the link below to access the tutorial to get started!

<https://bit.ly/3uc2y0B>

### Passwords!

One important cybersecurity tip is to get a good password manager! There are typically a lot of passwords to remember between any personal and academic accounts. Since you are only human, you will be very tempted to use the same easy-to-remember password for everything, which is actually quite risky. This is why it is highly recommended that you use strong and unique passwords, which you can securely store with a password manager.

### Scratch and Scratch Junior

Scratch is a programming language and an online community where children can program and share interactive media such as stories, games, and animation with people from all over the world. As children create with Scratch, they learn to think creatively, work collaboratively, and reason systematically. Scratch is designed for ages 8 to 16, and Scratch Junior is for children ages 5 to 7. This type of program is great for students because it instills problem solving, project design, and communication. See the link below for more information on this free program!

<https://bit.ly/39sAPk8>

