

PARENTS: please be advised of the following



**ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY
(no excuses)**

10 ABSENCES with in 90 DAYS: A student may be excused for a continued or repeated illness up to 10 days in a span of 90 days. After this period of time, a doctor's verification will be required.

All children, ages 6-16 are required to attend school regularly during the entire school term unless otherwise exempt under the law.

Students deemed truant may lose their Florida Driving Privileges.

Attendance Responsibility:

PARENT: the parent is to ensure that his/her child attends school on time each school day. The status of an absence/tardiness must be resolved with school personnel within two school days of the student's absence.

If the parent of a child is found to be responsible for the unexcused nonattendance of that child, **criminal prosecution** against the parent may be instituted as provided by law.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION: Any student who is absent without an excused absence for more than 5 days during a nine-week grading period will be reviewed by an Attendance Committee chosen by the principal. The attendance committee is responsible for developing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating interventions to improve attendance. A referral for social work services and community resources, or involvement of the State Attorney's Office may be warranted.

TARDIES: For the purpose of truancy petition for elementary students, 5 unexcused tardies and/or unexcused early dismissals will be recorded as one unexcused absence. All unexcused tardies follow the same criteria as unexcused absences.

All students must be present in school at least 50% of the time to count as present for truancy purposes.

Makeup Work: Work missed during the student's first 3 days of unexcused absences during a semester is expected to be made up, including OSS. However, make up work on the 4th unexcused day and all other days unexcused during the same semester may be denied by the teacher.

HEAD LICE: A student identified with lice or nits will be excused from school for the first 5 days. Additional absences will be unexcused until the student is cleared by the nurse or personal physician.

*Note: if a student returns to school and not cleared by the nurse, this is still considered the same occurrence.

Truancy Referral and Direct File

Once a student has 15 UNEXCUSED days in a 90 day period, a truancy referral can be made to Youth and Family Alternatives.

The school board can make a direct file with law enforcement against the parent for violations of the FS: 1003.24.



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