

What Parents Should Know!



The “Basics” *Attendance is one of the most important factors in a student’s academic success. Students who come to school on time, prepared to learn are in a great position to be successful.*

THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IN ATTENDANCE IS THE 90% RULE: According to state law and Board policy, a student is required to be in attendance at least 90% of the days classes are offered. If a student misses more than 10% of the days of school, they must make up class time or they will not earn credit for class.

THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF ABSENCES: Recognized Absences (They do not count toward the 90% rule. These are not even counted as absences.) See middle panel for details. **Non-Recognized Absences** (These do count toward the 90% rule – just a “regular” absence.)

WHAT ARE THE SIX RECOGNIZED ABSENCES THAT DO NOT COUNT TOWARD THE 90% RULE?

Health Care Appointments – Student is temporarily absent due to a documented healthcare appointment and must return with a note on the same day or next day. Student must have been present for some portion of the school day on the day of appointment.

Medicaid Screening Appointment
Religious Holy Days
Mentorship Participation
Participation in a School Related Activity
College Visits

WHO COUNTS FOR ATTENDANCE?

All students, Pre-K through 12 grade!
Upon enrollment, all students, Pre-K through 12th grade, are subject to compulsory attendance laws.

WHAT ABOUT NON-RECOGNIZED ABSENCES?

(These absences **DO COUNT** toward the 90% Rule.)

- Any normal student absence documented by parent/guardian due to illness or other reasons. (A Written Excuse must be turned in to the office no later than the third (3rd) day after the absence)
- Undocumented student absences (truancy).
- Absences due to an out of school suspension (OSS).
- Required participation in an ongoing court case.
- Attendance at a funeral, which may include 1 day for travel to, 1 day for funeral, and 1 day travel from funeral for a maximum of 3 days per single occurrence.
- Any other absence that is not one of the 5 recognized absences.



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