

Attendance Policy

South Carolina state law states that high school students must not miss more than five days from each class during an entire semester. Students may not be given credit for classes in which they have missed more than **five** days unless they have medical excuses from a doctor, legal excuses from a lawyer, or death in their immediate family. Excuses must be turned in within three days of absences whether they are notes from parents or medical/legal excuses.

For classes such as American Government/Economics and Psychology/Sociology, in which two subjects are taught during one semester, three absences for each subject are allowed. For example, this means three absences are allowed for American Government and three are allowed for Economics. Driver's Education classes are also included in this category so only three absences may be unexcused per semester.

School policy mandates that a student must be in class a minimum of 70 minutes to be marked present for the class. Less than 70 minutes in a class constitutes as absence. Early departures will also be marked as absences if the student's attendance does not meet 70 minutes of class time required. Tardies will be subject to disciplinary action. Teachers will monitor tardies and successive tardies will be handled according to the guidelines listed in the handbook. The fifth tardy may result in overnight suspension. Please refer to the student handbook for further clarification of these policies.

Quarter block (45) days	½	42.5
Semester block (90) days	1	85
Year (180) days	1	170