



Attendance Terms & Definitions

Excused absences are those where both the parent and the school are aware of and approve the absence.

Unexcused absences are those where either the school is not aware of the reason for the absence or the reason/documentation provided was not sufficient.

Chronic absenteeism counts all absences; excused, unexcused & suspensions. Missing 10% of the school year has an academic impact.

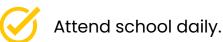
Truancy occurs when a student reaches 10 or more unexcused absences and relies on administrative and possibly legal solutions.

Why?

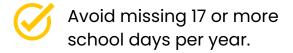
To enable every student to discover his/her unique gifts and talents.

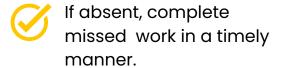
To enhance and expand on each child's unique gifts and talents to ensure every child is college, career and life ready.

How to help



Communicate with school personnel about student absences.





See other side for more info

Every Day Counts



If your child misses	That equals	Which is	And over 13 years of school that is
1 day per month	10 days per year	Almost 2	Nearly ½
		weeks per year	school year
2 days per month	20 days per year	1 month	Over 1 year
		per year	school year
3 days per month	30 days per year	Over ½ marking	Nearly 2
		period per year	school years

Early Dismissals/Tardies It may not seem like much, but....

If your child is only missing	That equals	Which is	And over 13 years of school that is
10 mins. per day	50 mins	Almost 1 week of	Over 1.5 marking
	per week	school per year	period of a school
			year
30 mins. per day	2 hrs and 30	About ½ of a	Almost an entire
	minutes per week	month of school	school year
		per year	
1 hour per day	Almost 1 day	Almost 2 months	Nearly 3 school
	per week	of school per year	years

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