



Attendance Policy for Elementary Schools

ACADEMIC YEAR
2018-19

Consistent attendance is closely linked with academic success.

Did you know?

Regular attendance in high school is a better predictor of graduation rates than test scores.

Current Trend District Goal

92% Districtwide Attendance

95% Districtwide Attendance

OR

<10 Absences per student

Students with a 95% or higher attendance rate have a 92% graduation rate.

95%+ = 92%

Attendance Rate

Graduation Rate

Did you know?

Typically, students with attendance rates lower than 80% (more than 36 days absent):

- Have a GPA at least a letter grade below their peers
- 14x more likely to drop out of school
- Less than a 25% chance of graduating

For more information on the attendance policy, read **Administrative Regulation 1031.**

Half-Day Absence

- Missing more than 60 minutes of the school day

Full-Day Absence

- Missing more than one-half of the school day.

Unexcused Absence

- Any absence not excused by a parent or guardian.

EY | Unexcused Absences = **25%** of all absences

Pro Tip!

To excuse an absence, parents and guardians can call the school attendance office **before** a planned absence or **up to 48 hours after** an absence.

Potential Consequences for Unexcused Absences

- Phone call home to parents
- Written notice to parents after five (5) unexcused absences
- Individualized intervention between student, parent, and staff
- Written citation and penalty fine from truancy officer to parents

Truancy Violation

- Every five (5) days of unexcused absences is a separate violation.
 - ▶ First citation: \$50 fine
 - ▶ Second citation: \$100 fine
 - ▶ Third citation: \$200 fine