



Attendance Policy for Secondary Schools

ACADEMIC YEAR
2017-18

Consistent attendance is closely linked with academic success.

Did you know?

By 9th grade, regular attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.

Current Trend

92% Districtwide Attendance

District Goal

95% Districtwide Attendance
OR
<10 Absences per student

Students with a 95% or higher attendance rate have a 91% graduation rate.

95%+ = 91%

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
- Only about a 25% chance of graduating

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

Class Absence

- Ten (10) minutes or more late to class
- Missed class
- Leaving class more than ten (10) minutes before the end

Full-Day Absence

- Missing 50% or more of scheduled classes in a day
- Three (3) cumulative single class absences

Unexcused Absence

- Any absence not excused by a parent or guardian.

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