



North Carolina General Statute 115C-378 Compulsory Attendance

Unexcused Absences

Daily notification via AlertNow

- ✓ 3 days = Parent notified of excessive absences
- ✓ 6 days = Parent notified of excessive absences, via mail
- ✓ Conference held
- ✓ Referral to the school social worker
- ✓ Interventions put in place

10 Accumulated Unexcused Absences

- ✓ Parent notification by US Mail
- ✓ Mandatory meeting before the Judicial Attendance Council
 - Failure to attend this meeting may result in criminal sanctions or charges of violations of the Compulsory Attendance Law.
- ✓ If the parent, guardian or custodian has not made a good faith effort to comply with the law, the District Attorney and Department of Social Services shall be notified.

Penalty for Law Violation:

- Any parent, guardian, or other person violating the provisions of the Compulsory Attendance Law is guilty of a class 1 misdemeanor. (G.S. 115C-380)

Unexcused Absences (may include, but not limited to the following)

- Missing the bus
- Babysitting, etc.
- Oversleeping
- Inclement weather

If a student accumulates an excessive number of excused absences, which begin to affect his/her academic progress, the School Social Worker will be notified and the following policy will be put into place.

10 Accumulated Excused Absences

- ✓ The teacher will attempt to make contact with the parent/guardian regarding excessive excused absences.
- ✓ The Social Worker will become involved if the teacher is unable to make contact.
- ✓ If student's excessive excused absences begin to affect academic progress, the parent will be notified by the Social Worker that doctor's notes will be required for all future absences. A conference will also be scheduled with the parent/guardian of the student, the Social Worker, classroom teacher, and administrator to discuss the policy. Any absences after this point that are not accompanied with a doctor's note will be coded as unexcused.
- ✓ If the student reaches 10 unexcused absences the Social Worker will determine if the parent/guardian will go before the Juvenile Attendance Council.

Excused Absences

Satisfactory evidence of... (provide documentation to the teacher, upon the student's return to school)

- Illness or Injury
- Medical or Dental Appointment (note from the doctor)
- Religious observance
- Absence related to deployment activities
- Educational opportunity (prior approval granted by the principal, optional)
- Death in the immediate family of the child
- Court or administrative proceedings
- Local School Board Policy
- Quarantine

Arriving Late or Early Dismissal

- ✓ Elementary students must be accompanied by parent/guardian inside the school
- ✓ Excessive tardiness/early dismissals reported to the social worker
- ✓ Continued non-compliance may result in notification of:
 - Department of Social Services
 - District Attorney
 - Juvenile Court

Questions regarding your child's attendance can be directed to your child's teacher or the School Social Worker at 815-6909.