

CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM

Under the guidance of the US Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights, the South Carolina Department of Education now requires all South Carolina school districts to report students who are chronically absent.

According to the Office of Civil Rights (OCR), the attendance requirements are:

- Any student who is absent a minimum of 10% of his or her enrollment period in the current school day, for any reason (ex. illness, suspensions, excused or unexcused), is considered chronically absent.
- An absent student is one who misses 50% of the instructional day for any reason, regardless of whether the absence is excused or unexcused.



Staying home negatively impacts your child's education! Missing just **2 days of school per month** can affect academic success.



Absenteeism and the resulting negative effects start early. Studies show that **1 in 10** kindergarten and first grade students are chronically absent.

**ALL TYPES OF
ABSENCES CONTRIBUTE
TO CHRONIC
ABSENTEEISM!**



THESE ABSENCES INCLUDE:

- Excused Absences
- Unexcused Absences
- Suspensions

IMPORTANT!

A student is considered absent if he or she is not physically on school grounds and is not participating in instruction-related activities at an approved off-grounds location for the school day.