

Do absences from the prior school year carry over into a new school year?

A: No, students begin each school year with no absences.

Can a licensed student request a hardship hearing?

A: Yes, Section 322.09(3), Florida Statutes, provides that a licensed minor or his or her parents have the right to request a hardship waiver hearing within 15 calendar days after the date of receipt of the Notice of Intent to Suspend letter. The district must electronically notify DHSMV of the request for a waiver hearing within 24 hours of receiving the request.

Does the parent have the right to cancel their student's driving privilege (license)?

A: Yes, if the parent signed for the driver's license. The parent must write a letter identifying the student's full name and date of birth with a statement to cancel their child's driving privilege. The letter must be signed by parent, faxed to 850-617-5095 or emailed to Truancy@flhsmv.gov.

When can local driver's license offices reinstate a student's driving privilege?

A: For local driver's license offices to reinstate driving privileges, the Notice of Intent to Suspend and a suspension order should appear on the driver record. The completed DHSMV's reinstatement form (HSMV 72870) should be presented to the local driver's license office to reinstate a minor's driving privilege. The form should include the school's seal or a notarized signature. If a student should not have been reported and 20 days have elapsed, it is recommended that he or she obtain a status letter from the school responsible for reporting the student's attendance as noncompliant with section 322.091, Florida Statutes, to the DHSMV.

The DHSMV requests that the letter be on school letterhead, addressed to the DHSMV and include the principal or designee's signature; the student's name, date of birth and social security number (if available); and a statement that the student should not have been reported to the DHSMV. The letter is authorization for the department to reinstate the student's driving privilege and issue a duplicate license *at no cost*.

DMV Attendance Brochure:
This brochure is designed to educate students and parents about Florida's Compulsory School Attendance Law and the impact on a student's driving privileges.

For Questions: Contact your School Administrator



**School Social Services'
Department of Highway Motor
Safety Vehicles Attendance
Brochure**



Florida Legislature and Attendance

The Florida Legislature enacted requirements that schools report to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) the legal name, date of birth, sex, gender, and social security number of minors who attain the age of 14 and accumulate 15 unexcused absences (excluding out-of-school suspension) in a period of 90 calendar days. The legislation further provides that those students who fail to satisfy attendance requirements will be ineligible to maintain or obtain driving privileges.

Florida Statute 1003.27

Florida Statute 1003.27 requires schools to report the name of any minor who attains the age of 14 and accumulates 15 unexcused absences within 90 calendar days to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) for possible suspension of their driver's license or prevention from obtaining their driver's license. For reinstatement of a driver's license, a student must attend school for 30 consecutive days. Hardship waivers may be granted upon request for a hearing.

Reinstatement if Driving Privileges Revoked

Our district has defined it to mean that the student must be in full day attendance for 30 consecutive school days. If the student experiences an unexcused absence, the 30 school days must start over on the first full day of attendance. If the student has an excused absence or absences within the 30-day period, then the school must add an equivalent number of days to the end of the 30-day period (to account for the period of excused absences).



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If a student receives a Notice of Intent to Suspend at the end of the school year, can consecutive days of attendance with no unexcused absences be carried over to the next school year?

A: Yes, the student must be in attendance 30 consecutive school days, and this may include consecutive days of attendance from the previous school year and the current school year.

Can summer school be used to satisfy attendance requirements for reinstatement?

A: Yes if the district provides summer school and the student is eligible to participate and meets attendance requirements.

