

Attendance Protocol Checklist

Regular school attendance is essential for academic progress, and absence prohibits your child from mastering important skills. Anything less than perfect attendance will have a detrimental impact on student's grades and learning for the semester. It is our goal to assist in any way possible to assure that your child is provided an opportunity to achieve academic success. Please initial next to the statements listed below.

_____ Georgia Compulsory Attendance Law: A child absent from school without a legal excuse is in violation of the Compulsory School Attendance Laws of the State of Georgia. If a child between the ages of six and sixteen accrues more than 10 unexcused absences, the school social worker will become involved and it is possible that a truancy petition could be filed in juvenile court to address the excessive absences. Children would be charged with truancy and parents would be found to be guilty of a misdemeanor.

_____ HB 1190: A new law in the state of Georgia warrants that each school must send letters to parents of children between the ages of six and sixteen who have five or more days of unexcused absence in a school year. Any child who has more than five days of unexcused absence during the calendar school year is considered truant. Each additional unexcused absence from school is considered an additional violation of the mandatory attendance policy and is considered a separate offense.

_____ Learner's Permit/Driver's License attendance requirements: Students ages 14 or older who have more than 10 unexcused absences or have been suspended from school will not be eligible to obtain the certificate of attendance required to receive their driver's permit or license.

_____ Medical Absences: Students who have missed more than 10 days in a school year (including excused absences) will be required to provide additional verification, including doctor's statements. Additional absences without a doctor's note will be coded as unexcused. For circumstances related to a chronic medical condition, please have your doctor document the need for your child to be out and the reasons that may prevent their attendance in school.

_____ No Child Left Behind Act: Please be aware that students who have more than 15 TOTAL days absent (both excused and unexcused) will count against Riverwood International Charter School's compliance with the No Child Left Behind Act. Excessive absences could place our school in danger of being on the Needs Improvement list at the end of the school year.

Please be sure to check your student's attendance record periodically so that you can be aware of the number of absences that they accumulate (excused and unexcused).

Student Name _____ Student ID Number _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

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