



Big Spring Independent School District

TEXAS ATTENDANCE LAW

“90 Percent Rule”

...the students must attend class for 90 percent of the time it is offered to receive credit for the class.

9 is 9! For any reason!

According to **Texas State Law**, school districts are allowed to excuse up to the 9th absence (by the “90 percent rule”) under certain circumstances. In addition, BSISD has its own criteria for determining what else is considered an excused absence. These may be when a student is sick and the parent calls the school to notify the morning of the absence, sends a note the day after the absence, sends a doctor’s note the day after the absence, has a funeral for an immediate family member, or is out of town. Also, it is very important to note that you only have **3 (three) days** to turn in a medical excuse to receive credit for an excused absence. After your students 9th absence, any and all absences will require a doctor’s note to prevent Truancy charges.

9 is 9! It’s the law!

Texas law requires school children to attend school each day that instruction is provided. The law applies to children between the ages of 6 and 19. Once your attendance passes the “90% Rule” (9 days of absences), your child will lose credit for that entire semester! To aid the student, the BSISD has implemented the “Principal’s Plan” to help the student regain the credit or final grade for the class if the plan is successfully completed. This Plan includes After School detention, Friday-night School, and/or Saturday School attendance. More information on this plan is available through the Truancy Prevention Office or your campus Principal.

For more information, see the **TEXAS EDUCATION CODE, CHAPTER 25. ADMISSION, TRANSFER, AND ATTENDANCE**

“Sec. 25.092. MINIMUM ATTENDANCE FOR CLASS CREDIT OR FINAL GRADE. (a) Except as provided by this section, a student in any grade level from kindergarten through grade 12 may not be given credit or a final grade for a class unless the student is in attendance for at least 90 percent of the days the class is offered.