



STUDENT ATTENDANCE = STUDENT SUCCESS

GOAL: 100% GRADUATION

- School attendance is the strongest predictor of high school graduation.
- 87% of high school students who missed 7 or fewer days of school per year graduated on time.
- A high school graduate will earn about \$300,000.00 more than a high school dropout over a lifetime. A college graduate will earn about \$1,000,000.00 more than a high school dropout over a lifetime.
- High School dropouts are more likely to be unemployed, live in poverty, receive public assistance or go to prison.

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- Students with good attendance do better in school, have more friends, like school and are more likely to graduate.
- Successful students miss 7 or fewer days of school per year.

What Parents Can Do:

- Send your child to school every day on time, starting in Pre-kindergarten.
- Don't let your child miss school without a valid reason. Avoid medical appointments during the school day or vacations when school is in session.
- Create routines and stick to them. Make sure your child goes to bed early so that he/she will be ready to learn. Gather school clothes and supplies the night before in order to be prepared for school the next day.
- Maintain a positive attitude about school and attendance. Contact your child's school administrator regularly.

MINIMIZE LOSS OF INSTRUCTIONAL TIME

- Plan family vacations for non-school days only.
- Schedule non-emergency medical and dental appointments after school hours on weekends or during your child's vacation.
- If the appointment must be during school hours, please have your child attend school prior to the appointment and/or return to school after the appointment to complete the school day.
- Communicate often with your child's teachers and request assignments missed during absences.

REMINDER ALL ABSENCES ARE CONSIDERED!

In order to receive credit or a final grade for a class, a student is required to attend class 90 percent of the days the class is offered regardless of whether the student's absences are excused or unexcused.

DOCUMENTATION AFTER AN ABSENCE (ALL GRADE LEVELS):

District policy requires that all absences, late arrivals, and early leaves be cleared upon arrival or return to school. A note must be signed by the parent that describes the reason for the absence. A phone call from the parent may be accepted but the district reserves the right to require documentation excusing the absence. If a student is absent for more than three (3) consecutive days the parent must provide documentation from a doctor upon arrival or return to excuse the absence.

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DEFINITIONS OF ATTENDANCE VIOLATIONS

Unexcused absence: is an absence that occurs when the student is not present at school and the parent fails to notify the campus within three days of the absence.

Excused absence: is an absence that occurs when the student is not present at school, however the parent has called to notify the campus or sends a note.

Part of Day absence: when the student arrives late or leaves early or both without valid documentation excusing the absence.

BSISD TRUANCY PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

Beginning of the school year: Each parent and student is provided a copy of the Compulsory Student Attendance Law and must acknowledge that they have read and understood the law and its contents by signing The Attendance Acknowledgement Form.

For all Attendance Violations: the district will contact the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student to take care of the violation. In addition, the student will visit with the campus administrator and may receive consequences for each unexcused absence violation.

Attendance Violation Letters: Notice of UnExcused absences will be mailed to the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student on the 3rd and 5th violation from the Campus Attendance Officer as a courtesy. This letter serves as a warning of what may happen if the absences continue to occur. Additional warning letters may be sent from the Truancy Prevention Officer as the number of Unexcused absences increase. Please read these letters carefully and contact your campus if you have questions.

10th Attendance Violation: In the unfortunate event that the student's attendance problem is not corrected, a Truancy case can and will be filed against the parent(s), guardian(s), and/or the student or both.