



Jackson County School System

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Jefferson, GA 30549
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Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

As educators and parents, we all recognize the relationships between daily school attendance, student performance, graduation, and habits in the workplace. We also know the amount of time actually spent in class is a good measure of student access to an education and ultimate success. Each tardy or absence means a student has lost an opportunity to learn. Regular attendance is essential if students are to receive the maximum benefits of the instructional program. Excessive absences, tardies, and early checkouts result in the loss of valuable learning time and a decrease in student interest.

***Excused absences* are those designated by state law, State Board of Education policy, and Jackson County School Board policy. Students may be excused for the following reasons:**

Students will be excused from school under the following circumstances:

1. Personal illness or attendance in school endangering a student's health or the health of others
2. A serious illness or death in a student's family necessitating an absence.
3. A court order or an order by a government agency, including pre-induction physical examinations for service in the armed forces, mandating absence from school.
4. The observance of religious holidays, necessitating absence from school.
5. Conditions rendering attendance impossible or hazardous to student's health or safety.
6. A scheduled medical, dental or eye examination of the student.
7. Registering to vote or voting, for a period not to exceed one day.
8. Visiting a parent or legal guardian who is in the military service in the armed forces and has been called to duty or is on leave from overseas deployment to a combat zone or combat support post. The student may be excused for a maximum of 5 days per school year.



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Parents may write notes to the school excusing up to 5 absences per school year without documentation for any of the reasons listed above. You may access the current attendance procedures at any time online at the district website: www.jacksonschoolsga.org.

- 5 unexcused absences will result in a referral to the school's attendance committee
- 10 unexcused absences will result in a referral to the Attendance Review Board
- One day per school year will be excused for the treatment of head lice
- Absences accumulated in other Georgia schools during the same school year will be applied to these procedures
- Students are expected to make up all missed work, regardless of the reason for the absence

Please type your name & date below indicating that you have read the 2024-2025 Jackson County School System attendance protocol.

Student Name and Date

Parent/Guardian and Date

Student (Sign-10 and older)