



Parent-Student Attendance: Frequently Asked Questions

What attendance definitions should I know and understand?

- **Chronic Absenteeism:** Missing 10% or more of the school year, including excused and unexcused absences.
- **Excessive Absences:** Missing 38 hours in a month or 65 hours in a year, regardless of excuse.
- **Habitual Truancy:** Missing 30 consecutive hours, 42 hours in a month, or 72 hours in a year without a legitimate excuse.

What are acceptable absences excuses?

- Personal illness or quarantine.
- Illness or death in the immediate household.
- Religious reasons.
- Medical or dental appointments (verification required).
- College visitations (verification required).

What should I do if my student is absent from school?

- **How to Report:** Call the school or the attendance hotline (330-386-1079) before 9:00 a.m. each day. Email or written excuse must be provided within two days of return. Absences not reported within 48 hours will be unexcused.
- **Chronic Health Issues:** Work with the school nurse for frequent absences due to health conditions.

What happens if my student is Habitual Truant?

- **Notification:** You will receive a letter if your child meets the criteria for habitual truancy.
- **Process:** The school will form an intervention team, create a plan, and provide written notice. Failure to improve may lead to legal action after 60 days if the student doesn't make progress or meets further truancy criteria.

Other Questions:

- **Vacations:** Vacation days must be pre-approved using the required form five (5) days prior to the vacation beginning. Vacation days scheduled during state mandated testing will NOT be approved. Vacation days count toward the ten (10) allowable absences per year.
- **Kindergarten Attendance:** Subject to Ohio's compulsory attendance law once enrolled.

For any further questions or concerns, please contact your child's school directly.