

Frequently Asked Questions

The Eastern Long Island Academy of Applied Technology Attendance Policy

How many days are students allowed to be absent?

According to the Student Handbook, students are required to be present in class for 90% of the school year. Much of what is done in our programs is difficult, if impossible, to recreate outside of the building. For these reasons and the need to develop critical skills and attitudes, attendance is extremely important.

If my child is sick, is it considered an excused absence?

It is considered excused for the purposes of academic credit, although it will not appear as excused on eSchool. Unexcused absences fail to demonstrate professionalism and they may affect your child's grades and/or progress. Students who stay home sick will have an opportunity to make up the written work missed. Documentation regarding an absence should be submitted to the main office upon return.

My child was sick from school and I sent documentation to their home school, do I need to notify The Academy?

Yes, while The Academy is an extension of your child's homeschool, it is separate so please be sure to provide a copy of the absence documentation. Please keep this in mind when checking/monitoring your child's progress on eSchool as well. Your home school eSchool parent portal is separate from The Academy's.

What then makes an absence excused?

There are several qualifying reasons which makes an absence excused. They are 1. An approved off-site internship/work experience; 2. School district closure; 3. School district function or event; 4. NYS testing; 5. School district field trip; 6. School district transportation delay or issue; 7. One (1 day) documented college visit absence will be excused, any additional collage visits will be noted. All of the above require an official letter or email from your home school/college or paperwork from the job site for work study and be provided to us in a timely manner in order to excuse those absences. If a student is absent for another reason, it is calculated into their 18 permissible days absent.

What are some common unexcused absence reasons?

The following constitute some common reasons for absences that remain **unexcused and are calculated into a student's 18-day allotment**: Hospitalizations, DMV road tests, illness or death in the family, military obligations, personal illness and/or medical appointments, religious observances, required court appearances, discipline suspensions and/or mental health days.

What happens if my child goes over 18 days?

A student who exceeds the 18-day absence allotment may have negative effects on their grades and progress. Excessive absences fail to demonstrate professionalism and are reported by employers to be one of the most challenging behaviors which leads to negative job performance. Academic credits are awarded by the district based on The Academy's recommendation for work completed. With 2.5 hours of instructional time per day, each absence from The Academy is equivalent to 3.5 home school periods. Students often quickly fall behind and have negative effects on the grades as absences increase.

How do absences effect my child's ability to attain honor roll and/or be accepted into NTHS?

Honor Roll allows for 4 unexcused absences in a marking period and NTHS allows for 6 (total from start of school to induction ceremony).