

School Attendance



What Can Parents Do?

- Understand the laws regarding truant behavior
- Check school attendance weekly on Parent Portal
- Allow children to be absent for only those reasons listed as lawful
- Send notes to the school office as soon as your child returns to school.
(Within 3 days of the absence is required
Notes may include parent and /or medical notes)
- Get children to school NO LATER than 7:30 am

What If My Child is Truant?

- 5 unlawful absences, 3 consecutive unlawful absences and/or excessive tardies will result in a conference with a school administrator to develop a Truancy Intervention Plan.
- Refusal to participate in the Truancy Intervention conference and /or accumulating additional absences or unexcused tardies may result in a referral to family court.
- Students are classified as truant when they accumulate 3 consecutive unlawful absences or a total of 5 unlawful absences and/or excessive unexcused tardies.
- A referral to a school administrator to create a Truancy Intervention Plan (TIP) may be a consequence of truancy status.
- Parents convicted for educational neglect may be placed under court order, fined up to \$50 a day, and/or imprisoned for up to thirty days in jail for each unexcused absence thereafter.

Any student who accumulates more than 10 absences faces the possibility of being retained.

Parent notes will only be marked as excused, if the reason for absence is considered to be lawful.

Absences must meet one of the following conditions:

- Absences that are excused by a doctor or other medical professional
- Death in the family
- Court appearance
- A recognized religious holiday
- Special circumstances approved in advance by the principal

If notes are not handed in within the specified time frame, your child's absences are considered unlawful/unexcused.

There are serious consequences for unlawful absences.

*If your child is attending LME under the district's "School of Choice" or "Special Permission" you will be returned to your "home school" with excessive tardies and/or absences.