

What South Carolina law says...

Section 59-65-10: State law requires a parent to cause his/her children from age five until the attainment of their seventeenth (17) birthday or graduation from high school, to attend regularly a public or private school.

Truancy:

A student between the ages of 6-17 who misses three (3) unexcused consecutive days or five (5) unexcused total days within a school year is deemed truant and will be placed on an Attendance Intervention Plan (AIP).

If a student is absent unlawfully from school after the AIP conference, the student will be referred to the district's attendance coordinator.

The district attendance coordinator and/or designee may refer the student to Family Court.

Promotion Retention:

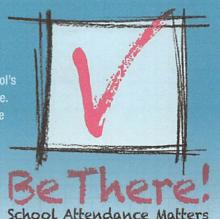
In order to receive credit for a class, students may not miss:

- over five (5) unexcused or unverified class periods of a subject in one semester/term
- or over ten (10) total unexcused or unverified class periods in yearlong classes.

Attendance make-up school is offered each semester for students who need to make up a minimum of three absences per class. Make up school is solely for the purpose of obtaining attendance credit.

Did you know?

- Lawful absences are considered medical, judicial, bereavement and recognized religious holidays.
- Parents and students have daily access to attendance through PowerSchool's Parent Portal which is a helpful tool to keep up with grades and attendance.
- School privileges, such as school transfers, can be denied due to excessive absences or tardies.
- School attendance office cannot complete required paperwork for obtaining a driver's license unless the student is in compliance with the South Carolina Truancy Law.



For more information please visit HorryCountySchools.net/attendance or contact the Attendance Office at 843-488-6786.