



# Clint High School

## Attendance Policy

Regular attendance is an essential aspect of every student's success. Texas state law requires school-aged children to attend school each day when instruction is provided. With a minimum attendance of no less than 90% of the instructional day required by law, Clint High School upholds the highest academic standards, including attendance, and strives to achieve no less than 97% attendance for all students. Your child receives the maximum educational benefit by being in school every day.

If a student has an unexcused absence or has exceeded five parent-excused absences, the student will begin to lose the privilege to participate in school activities as determined by the school administration. This policy in no way takes the place of any other contract, the Student Code of Conduct, Loss of Credit Contracts, or any policies or procedures of Clint ISD or state law.

All students will follow the attendance conditions listed below to the satisfaction of the campus administration. Effective immediately:

- Students must not have an unexcused absence or tardy from any class. Unexcused absences and/ or excessive tardies will result in loss of privileges and disciplinary action such as detention or community service hours. If a student accumulates three (3) unexcused absences in a four (4) week period or ten (10) in a six-month period of time the student and their parent/ guardian will be subject to court filing for failure to attend school and/ or contributing to non-attendance.
- Student attendance in all classes must conform to all school and state policies. Teachers may have individual classroom discipline plans for students who are tardy to their classes.
- In accordance with Clint ISD policy, parents can excuse their child's absence no more than five (5) times by a note per school year. After the fifth parent note, only doctor's, dentist's, immigration, and court notes will be excused.
- To participate in school or extracurricular activities a student must have zero unexcused absences, no more than five absences excused by a parent's note, and must be present for at least four (4) academic periods of the day, regardless of

the reason they were absent for part of the day. School activities include, but are not limited to, school-sponsored dances, athletic events, sports team participation, senior activities, and pep rallies.

- In addition with *Texas Education Code Section 25.092*, the 90% attendance rule applies when determining **Verification of Enrollment (VOE)** eligibility. Therefore, in order to receive a verification of enrollment the student must have less than 10 absences and not owe loss of credit hours.
- Doctor's notes, court excuses, school business, and other such excused absences are at the discretion of the administration and will not count toward loss of attendance credit.
- Students will only be excused from doctor's appointments for the duration of the appointment, plus reasonable travel time to and from the appointment. Failure to come to school before an appointment or return after the appointment will result in an unexcused absence for a portion of the day. Such an absence will also result in loss of privileges and potential court filings.
- All notes for excused absences must be received within **72 hours** of a student's absence.
- All students failing to meet the 90 percent compulsory attendance requirement per semester will be reviewed by the campus attendance improvement committee, regardless of the reason for absences.
- The students are responsible for completing all the make-up work and attending any tutorial required by a teacher or administrator.

Students meeting the 97 percent attendance goal with no unexcused absences will be eligible for incentives such as gift cards, t-shirts, and pizza parties.