



We are so excited about having our students and staff back in school. It's time to make some amazing memories while learning. I hope that the 2025-2026 school year is wonderful!

The Student Parent Handbook is found online at our website and our the parent portal. If you would like a hardcopy of the handbook please see the school secretary or come by Central Office.



Fall Sports at JCHS and JCMS have begun practicing and conditioning. We are excited to see our Football, Volleyball, Golf, Cheerleaders and Band in action.

**The Johnson County Health Department can print certified copies of birth certificates for those born in Tennessee. There is a fee for this service.**

#### Important Dates:

August 4 = 1st day of School (1/2 day)

August 20 = Students 1/2 day—PD Day for Staff in afternoon

August 29—Sept. 1 = Labor Day Holiday (No School)

September 10 = Students 1/2 day - PT Conf PreK-12 from 1:00-4:00

September 30 = Students 1/2 day - PD Day for staff in afternoon

October 13-17 = Fall Break (No School)

Parents and Students,

As we begin this new school year, we want to clearly communicate the attendance policies and procedures for the upcoming year (changes for this school year are underlined). Research shows that attendance is a key factor in student learning, so we need students present at school as much as possible.

Student absences will be coded as unexcused unless the school receives a written excuse. A student must be present for at least half of the school day to be counted as “present” for that day. Furthermore, five (5) unexcused tardies to school or early dismissals convert to one unexcused absence for truancy purposes. The following circumstances count as *excused absences if the school receives written verification*:

1. Injury or illness
2. Illness of an immediate family member
3. Death in the family
4. Extreme weather conditions
5. Religious Observances (Does not include religious cruises or revivals)
6. Pregnancy
7. School-endorsed activities
8. Court-related absences (summons, subpoenas, or court orders)
9. Circumstances which, in the judgment of the principal, create emergencies over which the student has no control
10. A maximum of three (3) days may be excused by parent notes.

If a student accrues 5 unexcused absences, the student will be placed in Tier II of the Progressive Truancy Plan, which includes the following:

1. A conference with the student and the student’s parent(s)/guardian(s)
2. An attendance contract, based on the conference, signed by the student, the parent(s)/guardian(s), and the Attendance Supervisor/designee
3. Regularly scheduled follow-up meetings to discuss the student’s progress
4. An individualized assessment detailing the reasons a student has been absent from school

If the interventions of Tier II are unsuccessful, or a parent/guardian does not attend the Tier II meeting, the student will be placed in Tier III of the Progressive Truancy Plan, which may include the following:

1. The student and parent/guardian will be required to go before the Truancy Review Board.
2. Saturday School (if available)
3. After-school class (if available)
4. Assignment to school social worker
5. Referral for services (DCS or FCIP)
6. Referral to juvenile court

**HIGH SCHOOL ONLY:** A student who accrues more than 10 consecutive unexcused absences or 15 total unexcused absences in a semester will be *ineligible to retain a driver’s license or learner’s permit*.