IREDELL - STATESVILLE SCHOOLS
ATTENDANCE

NC ATTENDANCE LAW

North Carolina children between the ages of 7 and 16 are required to attend school**. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to ensure the children attend school and remain at school for the entire school day. Parents will receive letters once students accumulate 3, 6, and 10 unexcused absences. Additionally, if a student has 10 or more unexcused absences, parents are at risk of being criminally charged for being in violation of NC School Attendance Law. Parents may then be required to be present for truancy court proceedings. ** If a child enrolls in school before age 7 the NC Attendance Law will also apply.

EXCUSED ABSENCES

Type of Absence	Notes Accepted
Illness / Injury of the Student	Parent notes for any of the first 10 absences Medical notes will be required after 10th absence
Medical or Dental Appointments	Medical / Dental notes only
Court Proceedings	Court documents may be required to excuse absence
Quarantine	Documentation from State Board of Health or School Nurse
Death in the Immediate Family	

Religious Observances, Deployment Activities, and Educational Opportunities may also be excused. Prior communication with school administration is required when these types of absences are expected.

TARDIES AND EARLY DISMISSALS

Tardies and Early Dismissals may be excused with a medical note. Being late for school or leaving school early causes students to miss valuable instruction time.

COMMUNICATION IS KEY

Parents/Guardians have the ability to view student attendance records through PowerSchool with a Parent Portal account. If you need assistance creating a Parent Portal account, contact the school's data manager. The school will send communication via automated phone calls, emails, and alerts through the Parent Portal when students are marked absent. Letters will be sent home once students reach 3, 6, and 10 days of unexcused absences, as required by the NC Attendance Law.

If your child is absent from school, send a note. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to inform the school of the reason for the absence. Attendance notes should include your child's first and last name, the date(s) of the absence, and the reason your child was absent. Notes can be from medical professionals, handwritten, emailed, or submitted online using the Student Absence Excuse Form link on the school's website. Notes should be sent to the school when the student returns to school. Parent notes may be used to excuse any of child's the first ten (10) absences. After the first 10 absences, medical notes will be required to excuse subsequent absences. Medical notes will be accepted for any absence.

Reach out to the school's data manager, social worker, and/or administration when you have questions or concerns about school attendance.

Sources: NCDPI SASA Manual, I-SS Board Policy 4400, I-SS Student Handbook/Code of Conduct