

**2025-2026**  
**Shoals Community School Corp.**  
**Attendance Updates**

## Regular Attendance is Important

Regular attendance is key to academic success.  
Students who miss school often fall behind, become frustrated, develop negative attitudes, and are at greater risk of dropping out.



## Types of Absences

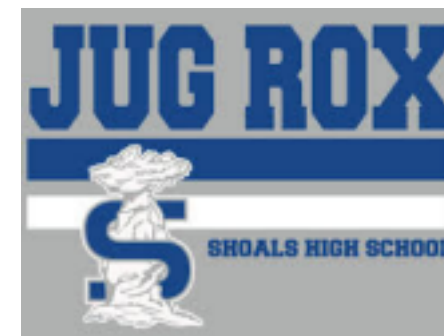
### EXCUSED

**Parent or Guardian  
notifies the school on  
the day of absence:**

- ✓ Illness - verified by a doctor/dentist for the date of absence
- ✓ Family emergencies
- ✓ Death in the family
- ✓ The school sends the child home sick

### Prearranged absence

- ✓ Election Day worker/Page
  - ✓ Religious holidays
  - ✓ Page for the general assembly ✓ Court witness
  - ✓ Professional Appointment (medical, dental, legal (must return with a documented statement)
  - ✓ Educational-related non-classroom related activity as defined in I.C. 20.33.2.17.5 ( College visit, FFA & 4H, State Fair)
  - ✓ Maternity
  - ✓ Military-related activity
- (Still counts toward total. Please send documentation.)**



### UNEXCUSED

An absence not covered under the definition of excused absence

**✗ Students should have zero unexcused absences**

## Chronic Absenteeism

Missing 10% of the school year (~18 days)

for any reason.

## Habitual Truancy 10+

unexcused absences -- Must hold an attendance conference and may be reported to the Martin County Prosecutor's Office

**We want to work with you before it gets to that point.**

## Impact

All absences are closely monitored, and disciplinary action may be taken. Shoals Community Schools will refer students to the Martin County Prosecutor upon reaching 10 unexcused absences from school, or has been absent for any

reason for 18 days during the school year, as required by law.

If a student is absent (parent-verified or unexcused) for **five days within a ten-week period**, a truancy prevention plan will be implemented for the student as required by law. **This DOES NOT include excused absences.**