

Chronic Absenteeism + Senate Bill 123 - Updated Information, Please Read

Floyd County Schools would like to take this opportunity to clarify yesterday's message that has generated some confusion in our community. Although some misinformation was shared, and we have reached out to clarify (as we are doing now) without receiving a response, our message was simply intended to help families prepare for and understand the new **Georgia state law, Senate Bill 123**.

This is **not** a Floyd County Schools rule; in fact, our [attendance policy](#) will remain the same. This is a legal requirement that applies to **all** school districts in Georgia, effective June 1, 2026, where we must monitor all absences and offer support to families where needed.

What Georgia Law Requires

Under Georgia law (O.C.G.A. §20-2-690):

- All children ages 6–16 must attend school (public, private, or homeschool).
- Children under age 6 who have been enrolled in a public school for **20 or more days** are also included.
- **Georgia Senate Bill 123** (passed in April 2025) defines **chronic absenteeism** as missing **10% or more of the school year**.

What does 10% mean?

- 10% of the school year equals **18 total absences**
- This includes **both excused and unexcused** absences—determined and outlined in the law, **not** FCS.

How Attendance Is Monitored/What is FCS Doing to Comply with SB 123?

- Attendance reports are run periodically, as required by the state law.
- If a student reaches **10% or more absences**, families will receive an **email notification** using the primary email listed in PowerSchool. This will be in order to make the parent aware, so the school and parent can collaborate on a support plan to help their student.
- In compliance with this law and in order to ensure transparent, proactive communication, Floyd County Schools will communicate with parents twice a semester to stay in touch and offer support if needed.

Our Commitment to Families

Floyd County Schools is committed to:

- Clear and early communication
- Working with families one-on-one

- Connecting families with school social workers and support staff
- Helping remove barriers to regular attendance

Thank you for your partnership as we support student success while complying with **Georgia state law**.

More information regarding student attendance can be found on the [Georgia Department of Education's website](#).

For questions, please contact Scott Crabbe, Executive Director of Student Services, at 706-234-1031.