GREEN HIGH SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE UPDATES

Under House Bill 96, Ohio's attendance laws have been updated – we need your help to keep students in class and on track for graduation and future success!

MINUTES MATTER

Attendance in Ohio is tracked by the minute. At GHS, attendance is taken each class period.
Any time a student is out of class (arriving late, appointments, etc.), that time counts toward the total.

Medical absences are no longer being tracked separately from other absences.

In short, all absences count toward the total!

WHAT'S EXCUSED?

- Medical Appointment
- Family Emergency
- Religious Holiday
- Vacation Days *(5 max, with form)*
- College Visits *(seniors only, with form)*
- Other reason with prior approval from the building principal

CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM

Missing 10% or more of the school year for any reasons moves students into the **"chronically absent"** category.



That means **1 out of every 10** students who are absent for any reason are considered chronically absent.

TRUANCY – When a student becomes truant, the previous guidelines continue to apply as it pertains to involvement with the Summit County Juvenile Court.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A STUDENT MISSES SCHOOL?

5% MISSED HOURS	Parents notified by mail and/or phone call from the student's assistant principal to discuss attendance.
10% MISSED HOURS	Student becomes "chronically absent." Student's assistant principal will schedule a meeting to work together to develop an **Attendance Intervention Plan**.
HABITUAL TRUANCY	Truancy is defined as **30 consecutive hours**, **42 hours in a month**, or **72 hours in a year** of unexcused absence. Students are at risk for truancy proceedings with Summit County Juvenile Court.

WORKING TOGETHER: STEPS FOR SUCCESS

DEVELOP A ROUTINE: Help your student create a schedule for homework, adequate sleep, waking on time, and leaving for school early enough (especially in inclement weather).

SCHEDULE SMARTLY: When it is possible, schedule appointments outside of school hours. If during school, have your student come to class after their appointment(s).

DOCTOR'S NOTES: Turn in immediately after your visit. GHS must have them **within 24 hours** of the visit in order to excuse the absence.

TALK ABOUT ATTENDANCE: Help your student understand why it's important. Check Canvas regularly.

COMMUNICATE: Contact your assistant principal or school counselor with concerns or questions, especially as situations arise.

THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH US TO SUPPORT STUDENT SUCCESS!