



IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Ohio's school attendance laws have changed under House Bill 96, and we need your help in keeping students on track for success this school year!



EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

Ohio tracks attendance by **HOURS**, not days. Arriving late, leaving early for appointments, taking vacation days outside of school breaks, and sick days **ALL ADD UP FAST!**

THE BIG CHANGE: "CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM"

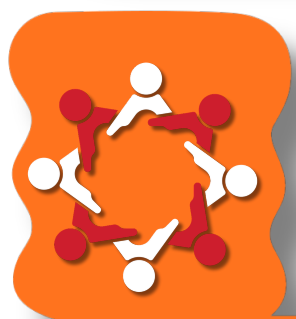
- Medical absences are no longer tracked separately from other excused absences.
- Missing **10% or more** of the school year for **ANY** reason (excused, unexcused, or medical) triggers a "**Chronically Absent**" status.
- This is roughly equal to missing just **2 days a month**.

! WHAT HAPPENS IF A STUDENT MISSES A CLASS?



AT 5% MISSED HOURS

You will receive an Early Warning courtesy letter to help us partner together before it impacts your grades.



AT 10% MISSED HOURS (CHRONICALLY ABSENT)

The school will host a collaborative meeting with you and your student to build a success plan.



HABITUAL TRUANCY (UNEXCUSED ONLY)

Students in KG - 6th grade who miss 91 hours and 7th - 12th graders who miss 101 hours in a year, without an excuse, triggers a formal Intervention Team and can lead to juvenile court filings.

3 QUICK STEPS FOR FAMILIES

Check ProgressBook weekly to monitor attendance hours and grades



Turn In Notes Fast:
Submit doctor or parent excuse notes to the attendance office within **48 hours** of your student's return to school.

Communicate Early:
If your student is struggling with attendance, reach out to our guidance counselors or main office.