

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Why Regular Attendance Matters at Copeland Elementary

Being at school every day gives children the best opportunity to learn, build relationships, develop routines, and stay connected to their classroom community.

WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS

LEARNING	CONNECTION	STRONG HABITS
Missing school means missing instruction, practice, and classroom experiences that can be difficult to recreate.	Regular attendance helps children build relationships with teachers and classmates and feel like part of the school community.	Coming to school consistently builds routines, responsibility, and habits that support success throughout a child's education.

RCSS ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

- Students who are absent are required to bring a written excuse when they return to school.
- Excused absences may include personal illness, a family death/funeral, necessary medical or dental appointments, recognized religious holidays, certain government orders, and other approved circumstances.
- An absence that does not meet the district's criteria for an excused absence is considered unexcused. RCSS policy states that no unexcused absences are allowed.
- After five absences, a physician's note or another acceptable official third-party excuse is required to justify additional absences.
- A student is considered truant after more than five days of unexcused absences during the academic year.
- To be counted present for a full school day, a student must attend at least one-half of the school day. Ten tardies also prevent recognition for perfect attendance.

HOW FAMILIES CAN HELP

Make school a priority — Schedule routine appointments and family activities outside school hours whenever possible.

Send an excuse promptly — When your child must miss school, send the required written documentation when they return.

Arrive on time — A strong morning routine helps students begin the day ready to learn with their classmates.

Reach out when you need help — If your family is facing a barrier that is affecting attendance, contact the school so we can help connect you with support.

Every day at school is another opportunity to learn, connect, and grow.

For complete attendance rules and current district guidance, visit the [Richmond County School System Attendance page](#).

District information summarized from the RCSS Attendance Policy & Expectations and Code of Student Conduct.