

# SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

- An absence is considered excused if a valid medical doctor's written note (with the date & time the student was seen) is provided **within 3 school days** after the absence. Only 10 medical days per year will be considered excused.
- An absence for bereavement, due to a death in the student's immediate family, may be excused if an obituary or program of service verifying the death is provided to the attendance clerk **within 3 school days** after the student returns to school.
- Parents are allowed to submit up to six (6) notes per school year to excuse student absences for any reason they deem necessary.
- High school students will be allowed **three (3) parent notes per semester.**
- Parent notes will not be accepted during designated state testing dates.
- For students in grades 9-12, due to High School final exams, parent notes will not be accepted during the last three (3) days of the school year.

## REMINDERS:

- Check Powerschool regularly to stay up to date.
- All notes regarding absences must be turned in within 3 days of the student's return to school.
- Principal Approval forms are no longer accepted.



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## ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

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## SC TRUANCY STATE LAW

South Carolina state law requires students under the age of (17) to attend school regularly.

Upon (3) consecutive OR (5) total unlawful absences for the school year, administration will attempt to contact parents to establish an Attendance Intervention Plan (AIP) regarding future attendance.

If a student is absent unlawfully from school after an AIP has been established, they will be referred to the District office and the district attendance coordinator will refer to family court.



## CREDIT RECOVERY



To receive credit for high school courses, students may not be absent from school or class for more than five (5) days for semester courses, or (3) days for quarter long courses, unless the absences are excused.

High school students who have more than ten (10) medical notes per academic block will have the opportunity to make up time or may be asked to participate in summer learning opportunities.

**\*Stay Up to date with the school newsletter for credit recovery dates throughout the year.**

## Dismissal Policy

Please send a written note with your student for all early releases to be turned in before 8:15 am. This ensures students will receive a pass out of class to be dismissed at the proper time.

Phone Calls and emails are not accepted for early release.

Photo ID is required for any student pick up. Students can only be picked up by contacts listed in powerschool.

