

WHY DOES ATTENDANCE MATTER?

Q: Why is attendance so important?

A: Regular attendance is vital to student's success in school. A student, who is frequently absent, misses social interaction and direct instruction from his/her teachers. Any day or hour absent is a missed learning opportunity.

Q: What does truancy mean?

A: A child age 6 to 17 years is considered truant if they have missed at least 3 full consecutive days of unexcused absences, or 5 full days of non-consecutive unexcused absences.

Q: What is chronic absenteeism?

A: Any student in grades k-12 who misses half or more of the school day for any reason for 10% or more of the enrollment period.

Q: What types of absences contribute to chronic absenteeism?

A: Excused Absences, Unexcused Absences and Suspensions

Q: How do I report absences?

A: Each and every absence must be reported to the attendance office of your student's school. Handwritten or legal documentation (medical note, court notice, etc.) must be submitted to the attendance office.

Q: What is considered a excused absence?

A: Excused absences include: illness, funerals, and religious holidays. Medical and dental appointments that cannot be scheduled outside the school day.

Q: How long does a student have to turn in an excused note?

A: According to CCSD Policy, an excused note should be submitted within three days upon the students return to school.

Q: Does tardy count as truancy?

A: No, tardy does not count as being truant. Truancy is a full day absence only.

Q: Can you use a parent phone call as an excuse instead of a written excuse?

A: No, written documentation which includes the student's name, parent/ guardian's full name, telephone number, date of absence and the reason for the absence is required when a student is absent.

Q: Is a vacation a lawful absence?

A: No, vacation is considered an unlawful absence.



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