

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

every school day counts.



Texas Compulsory Attendance Law

Students must attend class **90%** of the school year



Unexcused & Excused Absences

ALL absences count! Students who have **more than 17 (year long course) total or 7 Fall/10 Spring** absences are at risk of failing. Parent/Guardians may also be issued a municipal court warning and possibly pay a fine.



Medical Appointments

Appointments must be at the **start** or **end** of the school day to be counted as **HEALTH** and not as an absence. If the student is out the **entire day**, they are absent.



Why do I need to send a note?

If a student's attendance case is sent to court, a committee will take into consideration how many absences were excused and unexcused.



High School Credits

Students who have not been in attendance for 90% of each class will not earn credits for the affected courses. In this case, please speak to the counselor or administrator about attendance recovery as soon as possible.



Communication

If your child is ill and will be out of school for **more than 1 day**, please inform your child's classroom teachers. They should be your first line of communication.



Special Circumstances

Every student's situation is different. If there are barriers keeping your student from being at school, reach out to your campus. There are resources and people to help.