

Jackets Attendance MATTERS

Why your student's attendance matters

- Studies show that regular school attendance is directly related to student success.
- Students who attend school regularly have less interruption in learning, less time spent on make-up work, and benefit greatly from increased interaction with faculty and their peers.
- Regular school attendance is required by law at all grade levels.



EXCESSIVE ABSENCE

30 hours (consecutive or total) excused/unexcused
FIRST SEMESTER ONLY REQUIREMENT

Contact parent through auto-call system to make aware of Excessive Absence concern (no letter needed).

38 + hours in a school month excused/unexcused

65+ hours in a school year excused/unexcused

Once hourly limit is met

Letter sent home to parents/guardians

All additional absences will require a medical excuse

If no medical excuse is provided, hours accumulate towards truancy.

HABITUAL TRUANCY

30 consecutive hours unexcused

42+ unexcused hours in a school month

72+ unexcused hours in a school year

Once hourly limit is met

Letter sent home to parents/guardians

Absence Intervention Plan will be implemented.

ABSENCE INTERVENTION

State of Ohio required Absence Intervention Plan

Team creates and implements Absence Intervention Plan designed to improve/increase student attendance

If attendance does not improve/increase

Knox County Juvenile Court will be notified and Truancy charges will be filed.

EXCUSED ABSENCE

Illness of the child

Illness of the family necessitating the presence of the child

Quarantine of the home

Death of a relative

Medical or dental appointment

Religious Holiday

College Visitation / School Field Trip

Absence due to homeless status

Absence due to change in foster care or court proceedings related to foster care

Emergency - Superintendent Approval

PRE-PLANNED ABSENCE

All pre-planned absences must follow new attendance guidelines.

Once hourly limit is met or exceeds the state limit, regardless of pre-plan, student will be responsible for the consequences.