

# **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.