

# 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

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