

Student Policies

JE Student Attendance

In accordance with state law, it is the obligation of every parent to ensure that every child under his/her care and supervision who has attained the age of six years on or by August 1, and is under the age of seventeen years, receives adequate education and training and attends school.

Each year the Board of Education shall establish the school attendance period by adopting a school calendar. Secondary students are required to be in attendance a minimum of 1,056 hours and full-time elementary students a minimum of 968 hours during each school year.

Attendance is a key factor in student achievement. When absences do occur, they will be treated as either excused or unexcused.

Excused absences are as follows:

- a. absences approved by the principal or his/her designee.
- b. absences due to temporary illness or injury
- c. absences for an extended period of time due to physical, mental, or emotional disabilities.
- d. absences due to being in the custody of the court or law enforcement authorities.

If an absence does not fall into one of the above categories, it will be considered unexcused.

Each school shall establish a system of monitoring individual unexcused absences. When a student fails to attend school on a regularly scheduled school day and school personnel have received no indication that his/her parent is aware of the absence, school personnel shall make a reasonable effort to notify the parent. Excessive unexcused absences may result in referral to the court system.

If a student is absent without a signed parental excuse or if the student leaves school or class without permission of the teacher or administrator in charge, the student shall be considered truant. A child who is habitually truant shall be defined as a student who has attained the age of six years on or before August 1, and is under the age of seventeen years, is a registered student in Academy District Twenty, and has four total days of unexcused absences in any one month or ten total days of unexcused absences during any school year.

When a student becomes habitually truant, the school shall require a meeting between the student's parent and appropriate school personnel to review and evaluate the reasons for the student being habitually truant. Such meeting shall be arranged by appropriate administrative personnel.

Consequences for truancy shall be determined at the building and shall appear in student handbooks.

"Parent" includes a parent or legal guardian.

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1 CCR 301-78 Colorado State Board of Education Standardizing Calculation for Counting Student Attendance and Truancy