

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE.**

Any student at least 15, but less than 18 years of age, may request from the attendance director or chief administrator, the appropriate documentation when applying for an instructional permit or license to operate a motor vehicle providing:



1. A student has not missed more than 10 consecutive days or 15 days of unexcused absence per school year.
2. A student is meeting "satisfactory academic progress" which means attaining and maintaining grades sufficient to allow for graduation. Five credits are needed per year with three being core credit requirements

Reinstatement of driving privileges may occur the semester following providing the student has not missed more than 10 consecutive or 15 days of unexcused absence per school year and/or the student has met satisfactory academic progress.

The attendance director will notify the West Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles if a student withdraws from school UNLESS the student is:

1. enrolled and making satisfactory progress in a high school equivalency program.
2. excused due to circumstances beyond the student's control.

**SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION FROM SCHOOL OR IMPRISONMENT IS NOT A CIRCUMSTANCE BEYOND A STUDENT'S CONTROL .**

**PRE-K PROGRAM ATTENDANCE**

Enrollment is voluntary but once a child is enrolled, attendance procedures will follow the county attendance policy. The program administrator (i.e. principal, director, executive director), teacher, and parent/guardian may disenroll the child if the child accumulates 5 or more unexcused absences. Once disenrolled, re-enrollment is not guaranteed.



**Make-up work is the responsibility of the student and will be initiated upon the first class meeting following the absence(s).**

Students who attend regularly will experience:

- \* *Success at school and good grades*
- \* *The development of good work habits*
- \* *A better chance of attaining future goals*
- \* *Better earnings potential by attaining a higher level of education*

High School equivalency information can be acquired from Carla Mullins  
304-373-0233

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304-372-7310 Ext. 431

This is an informational brochure. Additional information and reference may be made to the WV State Policy 4110 & 4150,

**JACKSON COUNTY SCHOOLS**  
**ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS and DRIVING PRIVILEGES 2019-2020**

**School Matters!**



**Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow**

**FAITHFUL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE WILL HELP STUDENTS ACHIEVE ACADEMIC PROGRESS, GRADUATION, AND ESTABLISH GOOD WORK HABITS.**



## ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES AND ALLOWABLE EXCUSES

Student absences must be verified in writing from a parent/guardian; medical professional; or other written documentation that verifies the allowable excuse as to why the student was absent.



**EXCUSED ABSENCES** are those that are:

Illness verified by parent (5 per semester); Medical/Doctor excuses; Calamity; Failure of Bus to run; Educational leave; School Approved Leave; Legal Obligation; Religious Holiday, and, Homebound Instruction.

**UNEXCUSED ABSENCES** are those that result from: missing school without an excused absence; parent notes in excess of 5 per semester; and, when judicial remedies are being pursued

**SUSPENSIONS COUNT AS AN  
UNEXCUSED ABSENCE**

Your level of education is often related to your salary. The following information is from the U.S. Census Bureau.

Professional Degree	\$102,608
Doctoral Degree	\$97,608
Master's Degree	\$78,456
Bachelor's Degree	\$65,688
Associate's Degree	\$46,816
Some College	\$43,344
High School Graduate	\$39,872
Some High School	\$29,120

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Surveys, 2017.

**4.10.a. All documentation relating to absences shall be provided to the school not later than **three (3) instructional days** after the first day the student returns to school.**

What can a parent or student do if help is needed?



You can consult with your school principal, counselor, teacher, other school staff, resource officer, and/or attendance director.

In the case of **5 unexcused absences**, written notice will be provided and parent / guardian shall report to the school within 5 days to discuss the circumstances and consequences of unexcused absences of the student. When a student accumulates ten (10) unexcused absences during a school year, a complaint will be made to the Magistrate Court of Jackson County

## **COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE**

Compulsory school attendance begins with the school year in which the sixth birthday is reached prior to September 1 of such year or upon enrolling in a publicly supported kindergarten program and, subject to subdivision (3) of this subsection, continues to the seventeenth birthday or for as long as the student continues to be enrolled in a school system after the seventeenth birthday.

**WV Code 18-8-1**