

# Attendance vs. Truancy

## Attendance:

Your student can miss up to 9 days excused by you calling in. (except vacations, which must be pre-approved by your student's principals at least 1 week before your vacation). All days a student does not attend counts towards the nine days.

After nine days of absence of any kind (excused or unexcused), you must have a doctor's note that your child was seen the day missed and are excused from school. If you are not able to go to the doctor, bring your child to school to the school nurse. They will be excused for the day if the nurse deems the child sick.

**You are not in jeopardy of truancy if your student's absences are excused.**

If you do not call your child in as absent, the student is unexcused.

**Parents/Guardians can still call in or turn in the doctor's note to get it changed from unexcused. Please do so as quickly as possible.**

## Truancy:

Your student has five (5) unexcused absences within the last 180 school days.

Schools are required to look back 180 days, which includes last year's attendance.

## Truancy Example:

It is November 1<sup>st</sup> in the 2019-2020 school year there are 2 unexcused absences.

When attendance is checked back 180 school days, this equals looking back at the 2018-2019 school year. From November 15th, 2018 to end of May 2019, the student has 3 unexcused absences.

Thus: 3 unexcused absences in 2018-2019

+ 2 unexcused absences in 2019-2020

5 unexcused absences = Truancy