

Attendance Expectations

Every child counts and has the right to a quality education. Every parent and guardian has a legal responsibility to make sure their child attends school on time and every day.

The Benefits of Strong Attendance for Your Child

- Helps to keep them from falling behind in school
- Keeps them on track for graduation
- Improves social skills and builds self-confidence as they interact with their peers and teachers daily
- Provides the path to a secure job in the future
- They learn skills to interact with people
- Develop healthy life habits



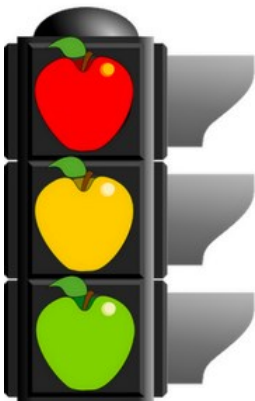
FAQs on the Attendance page at WilmingtonCitySchools.com/attendance

Definitions of Truancy & Excessive Absences

(House Bill 410)

	Consecutive Hours	Hours in a School Month	Hours Per School Year
Habitual Truancy	30 hours without legitimate excuse	42 hours without legitimate excuse	72 hours without legitimate excuse
Excessive Absences		38 hours <i>with or without</i>	65 hours <i>with or without</i>
Chronic Absenteeism			10% of days absent or 92 hours with or without legitimate excuse

- Every school day = 7 HOURS (middle/high school) or 6.5 HOURS (elementary school)
- A student who misses just ten (10) minutes a day will miss nearly thirty (30) hours of instruction during the school year!



LEADS TO COURT: If there is no improvement from the Intervention Plan then truancy charges may be filed in Court

INTERVENTION: Letter mailed to Parents after 18 unexcused hours absent. When excused/unexcused absences become habitual or excessive an Intervention Plan is initiated.

STRONG ATTENDANCE: 5 or fewer days absent per year is considered strong attendance.