



ATTENDANCE 2014-2015

Why does attendance matter?



- **You're likely to get better grades.**
 - You can't learn if you're not in school.
- **You're likely to get a better job.**
 - The habits you set now will turn into work ethics later.
- **You're more likely to stay out of trouble.**
 - One study found 78% of prisoner's had their first arrest for truancy.
- **You'll be more likely to graduate.**
 - You can lose credit for missing more than 10 days.

TRUANCY defined by the State of Georgia



**HB1190 states that
students missing 5 or more days
(unexcused)
from school are considered
“Truant”.**

Basic Guidelines



- All notes need to be submitted to the attendance window
- All absences are UNexcused until legitimate documentation is provided by the student/parent within three (3) school days of the absence
- Legitimate reasons to be absence:
 - A death in your immediate family
 - A family emergency
 - When you're truly sick
 - Court orders

THE INTERVENTION PROCESS



LEVEL I

LEVEL II

LEVEL III

Levels of Intervention...



- **Level I**
- Three (3) unexcused absences
 - School staff will contact parents and document the contact. Contacts may consist of e-mail, phone call, or teacher notification form.
- **Level II**
- Five (5) unexcused absences
 - School staff will notify parents of the truancy and request a conference with the parents to sign an Attendance Contract.
- **Level III**
- Eight (8) unexcused absences
 - School staff notifies Social Services Department; Social Services provides data to the court for judicial proceedings to begin.

Non-Compliance Forms... 10 days unexcused



- © For students 16 and over, a Let it Slide, Lose Your Ride warning form is completed at five unexcused days.



TAADRA. (Teenage-Adult Driver Responsibility Act.)

- © Students who accumulate more than 10 unexcused absences will have a Non-Compliance DDS form completed and submitted to the DMV.

Truancy Intervention Panel (TIP)



- At WRHS, the TIP meets monthly to discuss each student's attendance record to:
- Develop action plans for students who violate attendance contracts or continue to be truant after five unexcused absences.
- Meet with students and parents of students who have violated attendance contracts.
- Review students with ten or more excused absences when teachers or counselors refer those students to the truancy intervention panel. The panel may determine that these students will have to provide a doctor's excuse in order for future absences to be excused.

Don't let mornings drag you down!



Prep the night before

Lay out your clothes, belt, and binder

Know how you'll get to school

Don't wait until the morning to make arrangements

Have options if you miss the bus

Get enough sleep

Remember, regular attendance can be your key to school success!

It's a Fact:



Attendance can boost achievement!!

People say that 80% of success is just showing up. And there's strong evidence that school attendance makes a difference.

Research shows that even a small improvement in school attendance can result in big test-score gains.

THE END...



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS