

## **ATTENDANCE**

The school district emphasizes the value of regular attendance in enabling students to benefit from the school program. Georgia law places the responsibility on each student to attend school on a daily basis and the responsibility of each parent or guardian to send his/her child to school on a daily basis.

More important, however, is the effect of regular and punctual attendance on the student's scholastic achievement. Not only is each day's lesson important to the individual student, but his/her presence as a class participant contributes to the education of others. Frequent absences and tardies for any reason are almost certain to affect adversely a student's school work. Each student is expected to be in school every day except when illness, injury, or some providential condition beyond his/her control prevents attendance. Promotion will be based on academic performance and attendance. In order to meet attendance requirements, students must be in attendance **165 of the 178 days of school**. Any student who is absent for 15 or more excused AND unexcused days in any class during a year will receive No Credit (NC) for Lack of Attendance (LOA). **Out of school suspensions will count as unexcused absences.** Pursuant to the Georgia Compulsory Attendance Statute, O.C.G.A. & 20-2-690 parents/guardians may only write three (3) excuses for absences per semester. Any additional absences require documentation from mental health, social service agencies, clinic assistant or nurse, doctor, dentist, truancy panel, Department of Family and Children Services, etc.