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Alabama law requires all children between the ages of seven (7) and seventeen (17) to attend school. The law further provides that a parent, guardian, or other person having control or charge of a school-age child is responsible for that child's regular attendance and proper conduct.

Excused/Unexcused Absences

If any child fails to attend school without a legal excuse, that child and the person having custody of that child, shall be referred to the juvenile court. Absences are excused for the following reasons:

1. Illness
2. Death in the immediate family
3. Inclement weather which would be dangerous to the life and health of the child as determined by the principal and/or Superintendent
4. Legal quarantine
5. Emergency conditions as determined by the principal and/or Superintendent
6. Prior permission of the principal with the consent of the parent or legal guardian.

Schoolwork missed due to excused absences may be made up and a grade shall be awarded. Excessive zeroes shall result in failure of a subject or grade.

REFERENCE(S):

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