

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

The Board believes that regular attendance is important to students' knowledge. The Board endeavors to secure prompt and regular student attendance and to secure proper student conduct, and to hold respective parents and guardians responsible and liable for their child's/children's non-attendance or improper conduct.

Truancy is the habitual and unlawful absence from school. In accordance with The Code of Alabama, the parent or guardian is responsible for requiring any student under his/her control or charge and under seventeen (17) years of age to attend school.

Early Warning Truancy Prevention Program

The Early Warning Truancy Prevention Program requires that a weekly report be submitted to the Superintendent for all students having unexcused absences. It further requires that the parents/guardians be notified of their child's first and second unexcused absence. Upon the occurrence of the fifth unexcused absence, the parents/guardians and student are required to attend a conference at the Juvenile Court. At the conference parents are informed of the state's compulsory attendance laws, court procedures, and consequences of further unexcused absences. On occurrence of the seventh unexcused absence, a petition is filed against the parents with the clerk of the Juvenile Court.

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