



Dale County High School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well. As we progress through the school year, I want to emphasize the critical importance of regular school attendance for your child's academic success and overall well-being.

Understanding Chronic Absenteeism

Chronic absenteeism is defined as missing 18 or more days of school during the year, regardless of whether the absences are excused or unexcused. This level of absenteeism significantly impacts your child's academic performance and our school's State and Federal Report Cards.

Dale County Schools Attendance Policy: TRUANCY

(Per School Year: August 2024 - May 2025)

- **5 Unexcused Absences:** Students will be assigned to the Dale County Early Warning Court.
- **7 Unexcused Absences:** Truancy charges will be filed with the Dale County Juvenile Court.

Parent Sick Notes

Students are allowed up to **5 parent sick notes per YEAR to excuse absences**. Once these 5 parent sick notes have been exhausted, any further absences will be coded as unexcused unless they are accompanied by documentation from a healthcare provider, are related to a court/legal matter, or have been preapproved by the principal.

*****Parent sick notes do NOT start over each semester.*****

Dale County Attendance Policy: CLASS CREDIT

(Per Semester: August - December 2024 & January - May 2025)

- **3 Unexcused Absences:** A warning notification will be issued to both the student and parents/guardians.
- **5 Unexcused Absences:** A final warning notification will be sent, indicating the seriousness of the situation.
- **6 Unexcused Absences:** The student will lose credit for the course(s) and may face retention.

Graduation Requirements and Attendance

Dale County Schools require students to earn 29 credits by their senior year to meet our graduation requirements. Students who accumulate more than five absences per semester, whether from school or any individual class, will not receive credit for the affected course(s).

If you have any questions or need assistance with attendance-related issues, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. We are here to support you and your child.

Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's education. Together, we can help them achieve their academic goals and set the stage for a bright future.

Sincerely,

Mr. Matt Humphrey