

Attendance Policies

Chilton County Schools 2023-2024

Key Points

Policy	Information
Truancy	<p>7 or more unexcused absences or 10 or more unexcused tardies for the whole school year</p> <p>6yo-17yo</p> <hr/> <p>“...Any parent, guardian or person having control or custody of any child enrolled in the public school who fails to require the child to regularly attend the school. . .or fails to compel the child to properly conduct himself or herself as a pupil in accordance with written policy on school behavior adopted by the local board of education shall be reported by the principal to the superintendent of education of the school system in which the suspected violation occurred. The superintendent of education or his or her designee shall report such suspected violation to the district attorney within ten (10) days. . .” (Section 16-28-12, Code of Alabama, 1975).</p>
Chronic Absenteeism	<p>18 or more absences(excused, unexcused, & suspensions) for the whole school year</p> <p>K-12th Grade</p>
Loss of Credit	<p>9-12th Grade</p> <p>9 absences per class per semester or</p> <p>6 unexcused absences out of a total of 11 absences per semester</p> <p>1-8th Grade</p> <p>18 total absences per school year or</p> <p>12 unexcused absences per school year</p>
Excuses	<p>2 days upon return to school to turn in any Doctor or Parent excuses</p> <p>Parent excuses</p> <p>9-12th Grade- 3 parent excuses per semester</p> <p>K-8th Grade- 6 parent excuses for the whole school year</p> <p>Parent excuses can only cover up to 3 consecutive days</p>

Truancy Vs. Chronic Absence

TRUANCY

- Counts only unexcused absences
- Emphasizes compliance with school rules
- Relies on legal & administrative solutions

Vs.

CHRONIC ABSENCE

- Counts all absences: excused, unexcused & suspensions
- Emphasizes academic impact of missed days
- Uses community-based, positive strategies