

ATTENDANCE

All schools in the state of Ohio are required to meet attendance standards for the year. According to Ohio law and the Cuyahoga Falls Board of Education policy, attendance is required of all students enrolled during the day and hours that school is in session. Regular attendance and punctuality are necessary for success in school and later in life. Many interactive classroom activities take place during the school day that extends the understanding of learned material. Students who miss school frequently often do not achieve to their best potential and do not develop good work habits for careers beyond high school. **Parents are encouraged to schedule their student's appointments during non-school hours. Because vacations are Unexcused Absences, parents are asked to schedule vacations during school breaks.**

Excused Absence

According to Board Policy 6.09 (adopted 5/20/14), students may be excused from school for one or more of the following reasons and will be provided the opportunity to complete missed work for credit:

- A. Personal illness.
- B. Serious illness or death of a family member.
- C. Funeral.
- D. Medical and dental appointments that cannot be arranged during non-school hours.
- E. Unusual or emergency situations at home.
- F. Religious holidays and activities.
- G. Authorized school-sponsored activities.
- H. Approved college visits.
- I. Acts of God.
- J. Quarantine.
- K. Out-of-state travel, not to exceed four days per school year, for participation in an enrichment activity approved by the Board of Education or an extracurricular activity, defined as a pupil activity program operated by the district but not included in a graded course of study.
- L. At the superintendent's discretion, a visit with a parent or legal guardian who is an active duty member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Public Health Service and who has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or has immediately returned from deployment to a combat zone or combat support posting.

Unexcused Absence

An absence for any reason other than those listed above shall be classified as unexcused and the student will be considered truant.

An "habitual truant" is any child of compulsory school age who is absent without a legitimate excuse for five or more consecutive school days, seven or more school days in one month, or twelve or more school days in a school year.

A "chronic truant" is any child of compulsory school age who is absent without legitimate excuse for seven or more consecutive school days, ten or more school days in one month, or fifteen or more school days in a school year.

Tuancy will be investigated and could result in required participation in remediation program(s), disciplinary action, and / or notification and referral to the proper authorities such as the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department or the Summit County Juvenile Court.

Reporting Absences from School

It is the responsibility of the parent / guardian to report all absences to the office. The message should include the name of the parent / guardian reporting the student absent, the student's first and last names, grade the student is in, and the reason for the absence.

The absence will be recorded as excused or unexcused based on the reason given and the student's teachers will be notified of the absence by the office on the day of the absence. If a student is not reported absent on the day of the absence, the parent / guardian must contact the office either by personal call or a note reporting the absence immediately upon returning to school. Phone calls and notes will be accepted three (3) days beyond the date of the absence. An absence note must bear the signature of the parent or guardian, the date(s) of the absence, and the reason for the absence. Absences not reported to the office will be recorded as unexcused.

Make Up Work

A student shall have the opportunity to make up school work missed due to an excused absence; however, it shall be the responsibility of the student to initiate a make-up procedure and schedule with his or her teacher(s). For excused absences, the student will have two calendar days to make up work for each day absent. A student shall receive full credit for school work made up pursuant to an excused absence.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY: All Cuyahoga Falls Middle Schools follow the Ohio High School Athletic Association guidelines for student athletic eligibility. All athletes must maintain a 2.00 grade point average or higher and be passing 75% of their academic core subjects. This applies to all extra-curricular activities.