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Student Attendance Policy (pages 9-11 of CLA Handbook):

- 3 or more consecutive days absent requires doctor's note (copy to nurse & office)
- 6 or more days per quarter is considered excessively absent
- 11 or more days per semester is considered excessively absent (hotline by counselor)
- 20 or more days per year is considered excessively absent (Truancy Court referral by counselor)
- Continued absences may result in the student being retained
- Tardies: Students will be considered tardy and attendance will be affected after 8:15 am.
- Chronic tardies will add up to entire school days and counted as such in unexcused absence totals
- Early dismissals are also counted in unexcused absence totals

CLA Protocol:

- Ms. Tonja calls on absent students daily for reason. Student is then coded in PowerSchool appropriately.
- Attendance is monitored by Attendance Committee
- Letter is sent to parents regarding attendance after 5 absences (in a quarter) as an FYI.
- Letter is sent to parents after 10 absences (in a semester or less) as a warning to inform of possible consequences of another absence per semester.
- DFS is informed of chronic absences (Educational Neglect) by counselor.
- Truancy Courts are informed of chronic absences after 20 absences per year (or less time) and all other parent communication tools have been used.

The Compulsory Attendance Law

Section 167.031, RSMo, states that any parent, guardian or other person having custody or control of a child between the ages of seven (7) and the compulsory attendance age for the district, must ensure that the child is enrolled in and regularly attends public, private, parochial, home school or a combination of schools for the full term of the school year.

- The term "compulsory attendance age for the district" shall mean seventeen (17) years of age or having successfully completed sixteen (16) credits towards high school graduation in all other cases.
- Children between the ages of five (5) and seven (7) are not required to be enrolled in school. However, if they are enrolled in a public school their parent, guardian or custodian must ensure that they regularly attend.

<http://dese.mo.gov/governmental-affairs/freqaskques/Attendance>