

What we can do...

- Pre-Court Intervention
- In-School Conference with Attendance Committee and YOU
- Mentoring through Community Agencies and District Mentors
- Enriching Panther Families Sessions
- Community Service Opportunities
- Case Management through Campus Counselors

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ATTENDANCE GUIDE



EVERY DAY MIDWAY

We miss you when you miss school.

Welcome to the definitive guide to all things attendance and truancy at Midway Independent School District.

Ensure that your student turns in:

- Doctor's note (within 5 days of the absence)
- College Visit Excuses
- Other Proof

Make sure your student goes to class... everyday, every time.

Communicate with the school in the event of a necessary absence and check Parent Portal often.

PARENTS

Notify Us

If you know that your student will be absent for any reason, please call to notify the campus secretary.

Midway High School: 254-761-5650

Midway Middle School: 254-761-5680

River Valley Middle School: 254-761-5690

Castleman Creek Elementary: 254-761-5755

Chapel Park Elementary: 254-761-5780

Hewitt Elementary: 254-761-5750

Park Hill Elementary: 254-761-5770

South Bosque Elementary: 254-761-5720

Speegleville Elementary: 254-761-5730

Spring Valley Elementary: 254-761-5710

Woodway Elementary: 254-761-5740





IT'S THE LAW

By law, every student must attend at least 90% of the days classes are offered. This includes all types of absences.

→ Compulsory Attendance

All children of school age are required to attend school. This includes pre-K and kindergarten. Virtually and Face-to-Face.

→ Minimum Attendance for Credit

Students must have 90% attendance in each class to receive credit or promotion to the next grade level.

→ Truancy Prevention Measures

Letters must be sent to notify parents when students have 3, 7, and 10 unexcused absences. At 10 unexcused absences, you could be eligible for court.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

FYI

Only 3 parent contacts per semester will be accepted as excused absences (unless otherwise instructed by court officials). For all other absences, students must turn in doctor's notes or other proof.

- Chronic absences in elementary are early warning signs of failing courses in middle and high school.
- Chronic absences in early grades are linked to higher suspension and drop-out rates.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.
- In Texas, a student is considered truant when they have accrued 10 or more absences from school within a six month period during the same school year.
- Missing even ONE CLASS can count towards a student's unexcused absences
- The following absences reasons count against attendance for credit/court: Runaway, Truant, Out of Town, Absent without parent contact
- If a student is absent for 3 or more days (or parts of days) in a 4 week period, they may receive truancy prevention measures like; warning, improvement plan, or attendance contract.
- 3 tardies are added to make an absence (part of a day)
- Unexcused early pick up are considered an absence (part of a day)

1 Absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year. Half the students who miss 2-4 days in September go on to miss nearly a month of school.

2 Attendance improves when schools engage students and parents in positive ways and when schools provide mentors for chronically absent students.

3 Absenteeism starts early. One in 10 kindergarten and first grade students are chronically absent. Poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of third grade or are held back.

4 By sixth grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.

5 Research shows that missing 10 percent of school, or about 18 days in most school districts (only 2 days per month), negatively affects a student's academic performance.

6 The academic impact of missing that much school is the same whether absences are excused or unexcused. Suspensions also add to lost time in the classroom.

7 When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating.

Every Day in School Counts!

When Students are not in school, regardless of the reason, research shows: