



Jarrell Independent school district
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Jarrell, Texas 76537
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2018-2019 JARRELL ISD ATTENDANCE/TRUANCY PLAN

Please note that excessive absences place your child at risk of losing credit for the semester or the year. State law requires at least 90% attendance which allows for only 9 absences each semester of the school year to gain credit or be promoted. Attendance levels below 95% also affect the programs which can be provided for students by lowering the district's accountability ratings and funding levels. (TEC Section 25.092).

In addition, student attendance has a direct impact on a student's ability to learn. In order for children to receive maximum educational benefits their regular attendance is absolutely essential. We must let you know that state law requires that any juvenile who is absent without an excuse for ten days or parts of days in six month period, may be reported to the Justice of the Peace for violation of the compulsory attendance law of the State of Texas.

- **If your student attends any part of a school day and has a note from a medical professional, he/she will be counted present.** Please attempt to make appointments so that your student attends the majority of the school day.
- Students will be permitted up to three excused days with a parent note per semester. **If your student is out 3 consecutive days and a parent note is used, then there would be no more parent notes available for the rest of that current semester.**
- If your child is still sick after the first three days, a note from a medical professional will be required to excuse any additional days during that illness.
- After three excused days per semester; **ALL** absences will be coded as **unexcused** and will require a note from a medical professional to excuse the absences.
- The tardy policy is as follows:
 - JHS and JMS – 10 minutes tardy to any class = an unexcused absence
 - JIS and JES – 3 tardies and/or early pickups or combination of the two = 1 unexcused absence
- When a combination of any three attendance issues (unexcused absences, tardies, or early pick-up) occur, a first warning letter will be sent home as well as campus stage 1 intervention with the parent and secondary student will occur.
- A second letter will be sent home when six of any of the above mentioned attendance issues are reached as well as district stage 2 intervention with the parent and secondary student will occur. This will include a referral to NCC Truancy Diversion Program.
- At nine attendance issues, a warning letter will be sent home.
- When the 10th attendance issue is reached, the District will file a complaint against the parents of the truant student with the Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3. Any student 12 years old or older will be referred to the County Attorney's office for review of truant behavior.

Please help us give your child(ren) the best education possible by ensuring they are in regular attendance at school. If you have any questions, please contact me at 512-746-2124.

Thank you,

Tammy Fitzner
District Truancy Officer