What Can I Do?

- 1. Contact the school if you need support getting your child to school. The school has staff and other resources dedicated to helping families. Most problems can be solved if we are committed to finding a solution.
- 2. Reach out for help if you are experiencing difficulty getting your child to school. Other parents, your child's teacher, principal, social worker, school nurse, or community agencies can help you problem solve or connect you to a needed resource.
- 3. If your child is absent, work with the teacher to make sure she or he has an opportunity to learn and make up for the academics missed.

Statistically Speaking

- Missing 10% of school makes it difficult to be an on-grade level reader.
- Approximately 74% of students who are not grade level readers by the end of grade 3 will not finish high school on time.
- 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.



EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

If you have questions about the attendance policy or if you need support getting your child to school, please feel free to contact the school.

Working Together To Solve Attendance Problems



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Compulsory Attendance

§ 115C-378.

Every parent, guardian or custodian in this State having charge or control of a child between the ages of seven and 16 years shall cause the child to attend school continuously for a period equal to the time which the public school to which the child is assigned shall be in session. Every parent, guardian, or custodian in this State having charge or control of a child under age seven who is enrolled in a public school in grades kindergarten through two shall also cause the child to attend school continuously for a period equal to the time which the public school to which the child is assigned shall be in session unless the child has withdrawn from school.

Ultimately parents can be found guilty of a Class I misdemeanor with various consequences. The school may also refer habitually absent children to the court system for intervention.

CCS ATTENDANCE PROCESS

After Third Unlawful Absence

- Principal or Designee will determine if absence is unlawful
- Notify Parent/Guardian using 3 Day Letter
- Copy of letter forwarded to Social Worker

After Sixth Unlawful Absence

- Parent/Guardian
 Notification of unlawful absences via mail using 6 Day Letter
- Copy of letter forwarded to Social Worker

After Tenth Unlawful Absence

- Parent/Guardian
 Notification of unlawful absences via mail using
 10 Day Letter
- Conduct Parent
 Conference at the
 School to discuss
 unlawful absences and
 to develop attendance
 contract
- Copy of letter forwarded to Social Worker

After completing the 10th Unlawful Absence Procedures, the principal determines whether the parent/guardian has made a good faith effort to comply with the Compulsory Attendance Law. If the principal determines that the parent/guardian has not made a good faith effort to comply with the law, a court referral may be pursued.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS