Francis E. Donnelly Early Childhood Learning Center



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Attendance at Francis E. Donnelly Early Childhood Learning Center

The Board of Education's Policy on attendance is as follows:

- 1. Absenteeism and Absence Verification for Francis E. Donnelly ECLC attendance is a basic responsibility of the parent/guardian.
- 2. Parents/Guardians are to call the school 856-467-5133, extension 603, by 8:40 a.m. to report a student absent or late to school.
- 3. Upon returning to school, a student must turn in a note or notification of absence from a parent/guardian of the absence to the Health Office in order for the absence to be considered "unexcused not toward truancy".
- 4. When a student is absent for more than 3 consecutive days, a doctor's note must be presented to the Health Office within 5 days of the absence in order for the absence to be considered "unexcused not toward truancy".

Only the following will be considered "Unexcused absence that does not count toward truancy":

- 1. Personal illness supported by a written letter from a parent/guardian.
- 2. Family illness or death supported by a written letter from a parent/guardian.
- 3. Unavoidable medical or dental appointments notable to be scheduled at any other time.
- 4. Approved educational opportunities.

Excused absences include:

- 1. Religious observances
- 2. Take Your Child to Work Day
- 3. DOE approved school closures

Absences for personal illness for more than 3 days must have a doctor's note. Parents of students who have a high rate of absences unaccompanied by a parent/guardian note could face truancy charges.