



Greenville County School District Attendance Laws/Guidelines

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Law Regarding Attendance

SC Compulsory School Attendance Law

SECTION 59-65-10. Responsibility of parent or guardian; notification by school district of availability of kindergarten; transportation for kindergarten pupils.

(A) All parents or guardians shall cause their children or wards to attend regularly a public or private school or kindergarten of this State which has been approved by the State Board of Education or a member school of the South Carolina Independent Schools' Association or some similar organization, or a parochial, denominational, or church-related school, or other programs which have been approved by the State Board of Education from the school year in which the child or ward attains his seventeenth birthday or graduates from high school. A parent or guardian whose child or ward is not six years of age on or before the first day of September of a particular school year may elect for their child or ward not to attend kindergarten.

Steps of Intervention When Attendance is an Issue

A student can have no more than 10 days of excused parent notes for their absences for the entire year. Any parent note after that point will be considered an unexcused absence. If a parent/medical note is not received for the student's absences then the absences are considered unexcused.

Truancy 1 - After a student has missed 3 days in a row or 5 days total and the days are not covered by a parent/medical note, the attendance clerk will contact the parent/guardian to schedule an intervention conference where the parent/guardian signature is required following a review of the attendance guidelines.

Truancy 2 - When a student reaches 7 or more absences that are not covered by a parent/medical note, the attendance clerk will contact the parent/guardian to schedule an intervention conference and/or a referral to the attendance supervisor who may seek court intervention where an initial truancy petition may be filed. If a court order is served, it will be in place until 17 years of age.

Truancy 3 – Student has been referred to Family Court and placed under a court order to attend school and continues to miss days of school. At this point the case is referred back to Family Court where they are in violation of a previous court order.