



## Notice to Parents and Students Attendance Policy and Law

2023-2024 School Year

The Jefferson County Board of Education's attendance policy for grades K-8 states that students must be present 164 days and miss no more than 16 days. In grades 9-12, teachers shall keep accurate attendance records for each class period and each such class period shall be treated independently. For each semester block in grades 9-12, the student must be present 82 days and may miss no more than eight days per semester. Exceptions may be made upon the recommendation of the principal and the superintendent.

Georgia law now requires the following regulations regarding school attendance:

- Parents will be notified after their child has five days of unexcused absences. Each day's absence from school after this will be treated as a separate offense.
- Any parent, guardian, or other person residing in Georgia who has control or charge of a child or children and is in violation of the mandatory attendance law shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine not less than \$25.00 and not greater than \$100, imprisonment not to exceed 30 days, community service, or any combination of such penalties at the discretion of the court having jurisdiction.
- After seven unexcused absences, which may or may not be consecutive, by students 14 years old and older, students will be notified that they have only three absences remaining prior to violating the attendance requirement contained in subsection (a.1.) of O.C.G.A. 40-5-22 regarding the denial of driver's permits and licenses.

I have read and understand this attendance notice.

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Printed name of parent or guardian

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Printed name of student

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Signature of parent of guardian

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Signature of student

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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