

ANN JERKINS-HARRIS ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE

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ATTENDANCE POLICY

Website copy reconstructed from AJHAE's existing Parent/Student Handbook attendance language. No new attendance standards were added.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school and themselves. Start building this habit in elementary school so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in their upper grades, including high school, college and in their careers.

Compulsory Attendance (Ohio Law)

Ohio law requires school-age children to attend school regularly. AJHAE expects students to:

- Attend school daily
- Arrive on time
- Remain for the full instructional day unless properly excused

Excessive absences negatively impact academic progress and may trigger intervention.

Excused Absences

Excused absences may include:

- Student illness
- Medical or dental appointments
- Family emergencies
- Religious observances
- Other reasons approved by administration

Parents must provide documentation or written notice for excused absences when requested.

Unexcused Absences

Absences may be considered unexcused if:

- No parent notification is provided
- Documentation is not submitted when required
- The reason does not meet excused criteria

Unexcused absences contribute to truancy calculations. A student may not be suspended or expelled solely because of unexcused absences.

Tardiness

Students are considered tardy if they arrive after the official start time.

- Excessive tardiness disrupts learning
- Repeated tardies may result in disciplinary action or parent meetings
- Tardiness counts toward attendance interventions

Truancy & Attendance Intervention

In accordance with Ohio law:

- Excessive unexcused absences may result in attendance intervention
- The school may develop an attendance plan
- Families may be referred to appropriate authorities when required

AJHAE works with families to address attendance barriers before escalation.