

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our goal is to ensure that every student attends school regularly.

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Families play a key role in making sure students understand why attendance is so important for success in school and in life.

We realize some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances. But, we also know that when students miss too much school— regardless of the reason – it can cause them to fall behind academically. Absences can add up quickly. A child is chronically absent if he or she misses just two days every month! Please review our attendance policies and procedures below.

ATTENDANCE POLICIES/ PROCEDURES

Students enrolled in Camden County Schools may be excused from school attendance for one of the following reasons:

1. personal illness and school attendance would endanger their health or the health of others;
2. serious illness or death in immediate family which would reasonably necessitate absence from school;
3. observation of special and recognized religious holidays of their faith;
4. mandated by order of governmental agencies (Examples: pre-induction physical examination for service in the armed forces or a court order);
5. conditions render attendance impossible or hazardous to student health or safety;
6. the student registers to vote (one day only);
7. attending college/career visitations according to the administrative regulations provided in JBD-R;
8. visiting a military parent or guardian who has been called to duty for or is on leave from overseas deployment to a combat zone or combat support posting; (There will be a maximum of five school days excused for this purpose per school year.) or
9. any other absence not explicitly herein but deemed by the local board of education to have merit based on circumstances.

Notes must be written for an absence to be excused.

Notes must be turned in within two days of returning to school.

Notes must be signed by a parent or guardian.

Notes must explain the reason for the absence.

Emails are not accepted as written excuses.

Let us know how we can best support you and your children so they can attend school on time, every day. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's attendance, please feel free to call the school.

Thank You!