



# Attendance, Truancy and Promotion Retention Guidelines

## What South Carolina law says...

**Section 59-65-10:** State law requires a parent to cause his/her children from age five until the attainment of their seventeenth (17) birthday or graduation from high school, to attend regularly a public or private school.

## Truancy:

A student between the ages of 6-17 who misses three (3) unexcused consecutive days or five (5) unexcused total days within a school year is deemed truant and will be placed on an Attendance Intervention Plan (AIP).  
\*10 unlawful tardies and/or Early dismissals for elementary only.

If a student is absent unlawfully from school after the AIP conference, the student will be referred to the district's attendance coordinator.

The district attendance coordinator and/or designee may refer the student to Family Court or the South Carolina Department of Social Services (DSS).

## Promotion Retention:

In order to be promoted to the next grade, students may not miss:

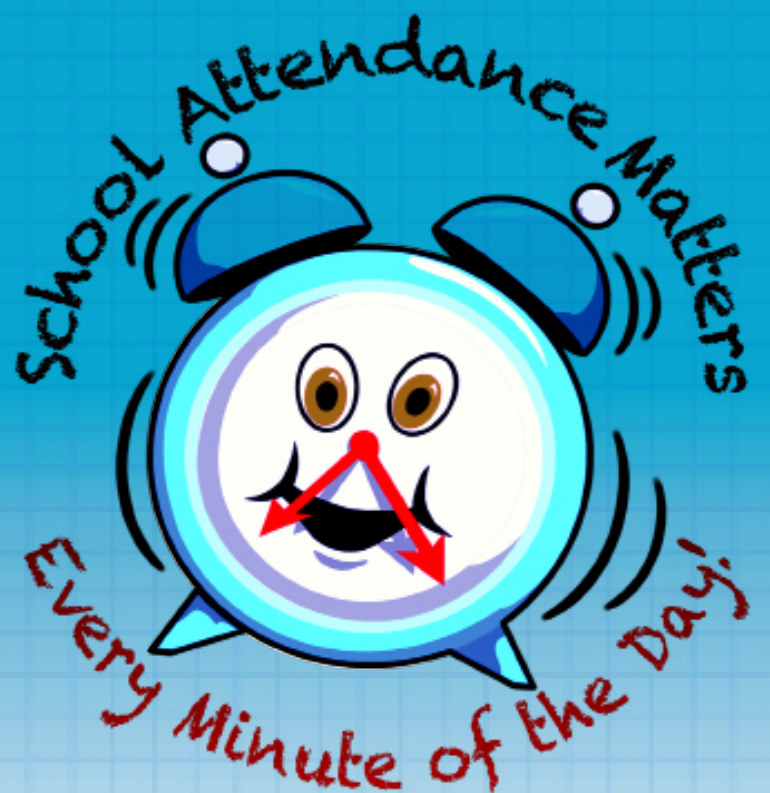
- over ten (10) total unexcused or unverified absences in a school year.

Attendance make-up school is offered each year. Parents can contact the school's data quality clerk and/or school administration for details.



## Did you know?

1. Lawful absences are considered medical, judicial, bereavement and recognized religious holidays.
2. Parents and students have daily access to attendance through PowerSchool's Parent Portal which is a helpful tool to keep up with grades and attendance.
3. School privileges can be denied due to excessive absences or tardies.
4. School transfers can be denied due to excessive absences and tardies.



For more information please visit [HorryCountySchools.net/attendance](http://HorryCountySchools.net/attendance) or contact the Attendance Office at 843-488-6786.