



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).

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.

Promotion Retention:

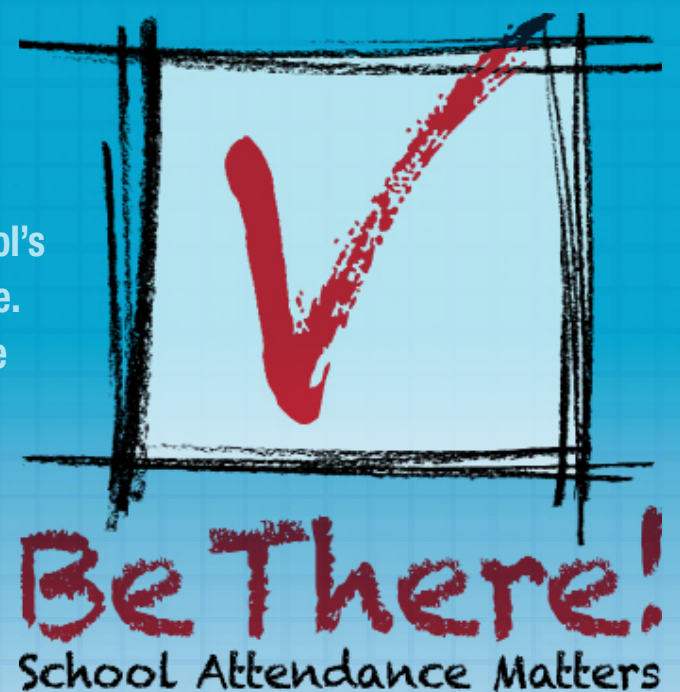
In order to receive credit for a class, students may not miss:

- over five (5) unexcused or unverified class periods of a subject in one semester/term
- or over ten (10) total unexcused or unverified class periods in yearlong classes.

Attendance make-up school is offered each semester for students who need to make up a minimum of three absences per class. Make up school is solely for the purpose of obtaining attendance credit.

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, such as school transfers, can be denied due to excessive absences or tardies.
4. School attendance office cannot complete required paperwork for obtaining a driver's license unless the student is in compliance with the South Carolina Truancy Law.



For more information please visit HorryCountySchools.net/attendance or contact the Attendance Office at 843-488-6786.