

SC LAW CONCERNING TRUANCY

South Carolina State Law requires a student under the age of seventeen (17) to attend school regularly.

When a student misses three (3) consecutive unexcused or unverified days or five (5) nonconsecutive days, for the full school year, the state has determined that the child is truant. Upon three (3) consecutive of five (5) total unlawful absences for the school year, contact with the parent will be made immediately to arrange a **mandatory** Attendance Intervention Plan (AIP) Conference. During the conference, the principal or his designee will develop a written plan to insure that the parent, the student, and the school have an understanding regarding the future attendance of the student. If the student is unlawfully absent from school after the AIP Conference the student will be referred to the District's Attendance Coordinator. The Attendance Coordinator may refer the student to family court for truancy to obtain a motion for court-ordered attendance.

Parents and students should realize that time made up in attendance make-up sessions does not erase absences for truancy purposes.

Tardies are included in the state truancy policy.

A student's attendance must be in compliance with the South Carolina Truancy Law in order to receive the required paperwork for obtaining a driver's license.

ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

- Please call the attendance office if your child is going to be absent from school.
- SC State Law requires a child under the age of 17 to attend school regularly.
- Upon three (3) consecutive of five (5) total unlawful absences for the school year, contact with the parent will be made immediately to arrange a mandatory Attendance Intervention Plan (AIP) Conference.
- Tardies are considered in truancy referrals.
- Parents should not plan for their child to be absent for three (3) or more consecutive days of school without a medical excuse.
- All excuses should be turned in to attendance within three (3) school days after the student returns to school.
- School calendars are available to help parents plan family vacations on non-school days.
- If the student is unlawfully absent from school after the AIP Conference the student will be referred to the District's Attendance Coordinator.
- Students should handle all attendance matters before school.
- All attendance and early dismissal excuses must be presented to the attendance clerk before 8:20 each morning.
- Classes will not be interrupted for early dismissals except in extreme emergencies. When possible, please plan early dismissals to coincide with the bell schedule. All early dismissals are subject to parental verification. No early dismissals are allowed from 3:10-3:25 p.m.
- In order to receive credit for a semester course, a student cannot be absent for more than five (5) unexcused or unverified days.
- In order to receive credit for a year-long course, a student cannot be absent for more than ten (10) unexcused or unverified days.
- There will be opportunities to make up days. Make-up time is determined by Administration and announced to students and posted on the MBHS website.
- Administration cannot complete required paperwork for obtaining a driver's license unless the student is in compliance with the South Carolina Truancy Law.

MYRTLE BEACH HIGH SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

2018-2019



Online

<http://mbh.horrycountyschools.net>

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SOUTH CAROLINA LAW CONCERNING ATTENDANCE FOR COURSE CREDIT

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.

Parents ultimately have the discretion to keep a child home from school; however, parents must consider that students are required to be in attendance a minimum of 170 days per year.

Middle and high school students may not miss over five (5) unexcused or unverified class periods of a subject in a one semester/ term course or ten (10) unexcused or unverified class periods in a year long course. Missing over these limits may result in a student not receiving credit for that subject regardless of the grade earned.

Attendance make-up school is offered each semester for students who need to make up absences for credit purposes. The time and place of these make-up sessions are listed in the brochure and posted on the MBHS website.

Attendance information is provided quarterly on each academic report card. Please verify the so you can determine if your child needs to stay for make-up time. It is also suggested that parents and students keep a calendar and record absences/ tardies on that calendar so that you may verify attendance records as they are given. Please check your child's attendance on a regular basis.

Parents and students have access to attendance through PowerSchool. This is a helpful tool to keep up with grades, attendance and discipline.

ATTENDANCE MAKE-UP

Attendance make-up school is offered on Saturday's, 8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. and on Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:30-4:30 p.m. Students must be on time for admittance into make-up school.

SEMESTER 1

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SATURDAYS: 8am-Noon

12/8 and 1/12

TUESDAYS: 3:30-4:30

10/16,10/23, 11/13, 11/27, 12/4, 12/11, 1/8

THURSDAYS: 3:30-4:30

10/18, 10/25, 11/15, 11/29, 1/10

SEMESTER 2

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SATURDAYS: 8am-Noon

4/27, 5/18

TUESDAYS: 3:30-4:30

3/5, 3/19, 4/2, 4/9, 5/7, 5/14, 6/4

THURSDAYS: 3:30-4:30

3/7, 3/21, 4/4, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23

Students will be able to make up 4 blocks on Saturdays and 1 block on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

PARENTS...

Just A Reminder

There are two (2) Laws that govern attendance.

1. TRUANCY LAW

A student under the age of 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).

2. PROMOTION RETENTION LAW

In order to receive credit for a class, students may not miss over five (5) unexcused or unverified class periods of a subject in a one semester/ term course ,ten (10) unexcused or unverified class periods in a year-long course, 3 unexcused absences constitutes an FA in a quarter class.

School disciplinary consequences will occur for any student who is considered tardy or cutting class or school.

Lawful absences are considered medical, judicial, and bereavement. Documentation will need to be provided within three (3) school days after the student returns for these absences to be lawful.