

## SOUTH CAROLINA LAW CONCERNING TRUANCY

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

Upon three (3) consecutive or five (5) total unlawful absences for the school year, attendance personnel will attempt to establish contact with the parent 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 a student is absent unlawfully 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.

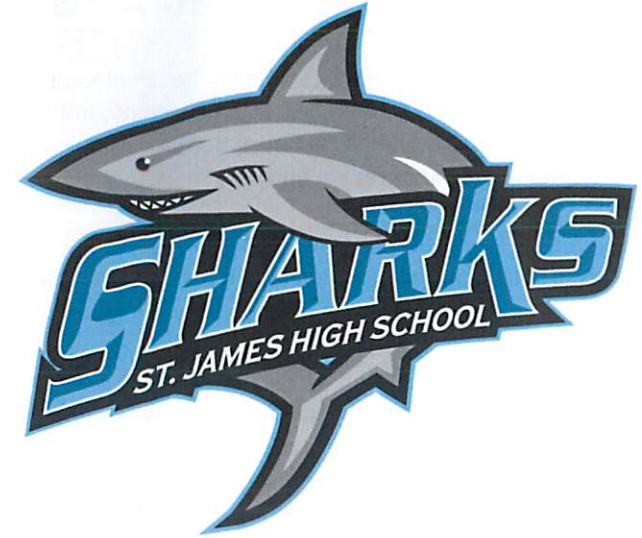
Parents and students should realize that time made up in attendance make-up sessions does **not** erase absences for truancy purposes.

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

## ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

- Please email or 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 or five (5) total unlawful absences for the school year, attendance personnel will attempt to establish contact with the parent to arrange a mandatory Attendance Intervention Plan (AIP) conference.
- Students are counted present only when they are actually at school, on homebound instruction, or on an approved school field trip.
- Parents should not plan for their child to be absent for three (3) or more consecutive days of school without a medical excuse.
- School calendars are available to help parents plan family vacations on non-school days so that SC attendance laws are not compromised.
- 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 front desk before 8:15 a.m. each morning.
- Students should bring excuses to the front desk before 8:15 a.m. the next day after returning to school from an absence.
- 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 3:00-3:15 p.m.
- Students who are absent are required to make up all missed work. All missed work for unlawful absences must be submitted to the teacher within **one week** of the absence.
- 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.
- Students are allowed to make up a maximum of five (5) days for credit purposes only. Be advised that make-up days do not erase absences for truancy purposes.
- Make-up time is determined by Administration and announced to students and posted on the SJHS website.
- School privileges (including student parking privileges) can be denied due to excessive absences or tardies.
- **The Attendance Office cannot complete required paperwork for obtaining a driver's license unless the student is in compliance with the South Carolina Truancy Law.**

2019-2020



## ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

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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 (10) unexcused or unverified class periods in a yearlong course. Missing over these limits may result in a student not receiving credit for that subject regardless of the grade.

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

Attendance information is provided quarterly on each academic report card. Please verify the days 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. It is also recommended that parents and students take a picture and/or make a copy of all medical excuses submitted to the attendance office for future reference. Parents and students should monitor attendance records regularly.

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

Parents are strongly encouraged to obtain a password from Donna Annuziato, Data Quality Clerk. Attendance make-up has to be made up minute for minute. Below are the scheduled makeup sessions for the 2019-2020 school year.

### SEMESTER 1 TUTORING SESSIONS

#### **SATURDAYS 8:00 - 11:15am**

Students are able to make up 2 blocks on Saturdays  
10/26, 11/9, 12/7, 1/11

#### **TUESDAYS 3:30 - 5:00pm**

Students are able to make up 1 block on Tuesdays  
10/22, 11/5, 11/12, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 1/7

#### **THURSDAYS 3:30 - 5:00 pm**

Students are able to make up 1 block on Thursdays  
10/31, 11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 12/5, 12/12, 1/9

### SEMESTER 2 TUTORING SESSIONS

#### **SATURDAYS 8:00 - 11:15am**

Students are able to make up 2 blocks on Saturdays  
3/14, 4/25, 5/2, 5/30

#### **TUESDAYS 3:30 - 5:00pm**

Students are able to make up 1 block on Tuesdays  
3/31, 4/7, 4/21, 4/28, 5/5, 5/12, 5/19

#### **THURSDAYS 3:30 - 5:00pm**

Students are able to make up 1 block on Thursdays  
3/26, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28

## 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 or over ten (10) unexcused or unverified class periods in a year-long course.



**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.**

**STUDENTS WILL NEED TO PROVIDE  
DOCUMENTATION FOR MEDICAL, JUDICIAL,  
AND BEREAVEMENT ABSENCES WITHIN  
3 DAYS OF ABSENCE.**