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Student Attendance Reminders

Per the BCPS Board Policy 5120,

IV. Standards for Regular Attendance

- A. Students are expected to maintain satisfactory attendance at the state standard of 94%.
- B. In order to foster continuity of the instructional program, students should not exceed an absence rate of 10% in a given quarter.

Under the Maryland Compulsory Attendance Law, it is the parent's/guardian's responsibility to ensure that children between the ages of 5 and 18 attend school on a regular basis. Please see the recommendations below in order to ensure that your child is meeting the BCPS requirement for 94% attendance.

Attendance FAQ

1. What are some examples that are considered excused / lawful? What is unexcused/unlawful?

Excused	Unexcused / Unlawful
Student illness with a note from parent up to 3 days	An absence, including absence for any portion of the day, for any reason other than those cited as lawful are presumed to be unlawful.
Student illness with a note from a doctor after 4 days	Student illness without a note
Death in the immediate family	Family vacation (unfortunately)
Court Summons for student	Family illness (unfortunately)
Observance of a religious holiday	

2. What should my note include when my child is absent?

The note should include the following: student name, date, and reasons for absences.

3. What is the state attendance rate? How many days does that equal?

Students are expected to maintain satisfactory attendance of 94% or greater for the duration of the school year.

There are approximately 45 days in a quarter so....

	How many days per quarter can my child miss?	Cumulative
1 st quarter	Approximately 2.5 days per quarter	2.5 days out of 45
2 nd quarter		5 days out of 90
3 rd quarter		7.5 days out of 135
4 th quarter		10 days out of 180

4. What if my child's attendance is below the state standard BUT they are all excused?

Students are expected to maintain satisfactory attendance with all excused absences. Regardless of excused or unexcused reasons for absences, the school is responsible to assist a family with improving a student's attendance.

5. What supports will the school take to help my family if my child's attendance is a concern?

Supports include the following: contact by the school via phone or letters requesting information, a required parent conference with administration, or support from the Pupil Personnel Worker.