

Reasonable Excuses for Time Missed at School

- **Personal Illness** (a written physician's statement verifying the illness may be required)
- **Illness in the family** necessitating the presence of the child
- **Quarantine** of the home
- **Death in the family**
- **Necessary work** at home due to absence or incapacity of parent(s) or guardian(s)
- Observation or celebration of **bona fide religious holiday**
- **Out-of-State travel** (up to maximum of four (4) days per school year) to participate in a District-approved enrichment or extracurricular activity
- **Such good cause** as may be acceptable to the Superintendent
- **Medically necessary leave** for a pregnant student in accordance with Policy 5751

West Clermont Board of Education
Policy 5200—Attendance

West Clermont Schools

West Clermont High School
947-7600

West Clermont Middle School
947-7400

Amelia Elementary School
943-3800

Brantner Elementary School
943-6400

Clough Pike Elementary School
943-6700

Holly Hill Elementary School
943-8900

Merwin Elementary School
947-7800

Summerside Elementary School
947-7900

Willowville Elementary School
943-6800

Withamsville-Tobasco Elementary School
943-6900



**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION ABOUT
YOUR CHILD'S
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

There have been MAJOR changes to OHIO LAW around school attendance for 2017-18

The State of Ohio has made significant changes to school attendance laws for the 2017-2018 school year. It is important for all parents and students know and understand the new rules that are now in effect, not just for our West Clermont students but for ALL students across the State of Ohio.

DID YOU KNOW?

A student is chronically absent if he or she misses as few as two days of school a month.

2 DAYS A MONTH X 9 MONTHS
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CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM

FROM THE STATE OF OHIO

“It is important for your child to attend school every day. When a student misses a significant amount of school, even if the absences are excused, the child misses critical instructional time and learning opportunities. This often has long-term, negative effects on a child, such as lower achievement and a greater chance of not graduating on time.”

The NEW STATE LAW defines excessive absences and truancy:

Habitual Truant: a student is considered habitually truant when:

- s/he has missed 30 consecutive hours of school without legitimate excuse,
- s/he has missed 42 hours during one school month without a legitimate excuse,
- s/he has missed 72 hours during one school year without a legitimate excuse.

Excessive Absence: a student misses 38 or more hours of school in a single month, or 65 or more hours in one school year, **with or without a legitimate excuse.**

Chronic Truant: a student is considered Chronically Truant if they miss 10% and/or 92 hours over the course of one school year.

WHAT THE NEW LAW REQUIRES DISTRICTS TO DO

Create an personalized Attendance Intervention Plan for the student when they reach any of the Habitually or Chronically Truant levels.

REQUIRED PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MEETING INCLUDE:

- the student’s PARENT
- the District Attendance Officer
- one other staff member who knows the student
- the Student (if appropriate)
- Other school employees or community agencies (if appropriate)

Once a student’s plan is in place, it is monitored by the District to make sure the student’s attendance is improving.

If the student’s attendance does not improve as a result of the plan, the student AND parent must be cited to court.

