

All absences are considered unexcused until the school receives an explanation from the parent/guardian - within 48 hours of the absence. The principal or designee has the authority to determine whether or not an absence is excused. Excessive excused absences for illness may result in the student being required to provide a doctor's note or other substantiating medical evidence.

Please report all absences to the

Attendance Hotline

School Name

School Phone number

Your School Social Worker can help with obstacles that may be interfering with your child's regular attendance.

School Social Worker

754 321-1618

Parents/guardians can monitor their child's attendance on Virtual Counselor or by using the BCPS Mobile App on their mobile device. You must register to use the mobile app. Information can be found on BCPS website – browardschools.com/MobileApp



Florida Statute §1003.24 states that the parent/legal guardian of a child of compulsory age is responsible for the child's daily school attendance.

All children between the ages of 6-16 must be in school every day. The only absences excusable by law, are listed in the Student Code of Conduct and the Attendance Policy 5.5. Those reasons include:

- Illness of the student.
- Illness of immediate family member.
- Death in the family.
- Religious holidays of the student's specific faith.
- Required court appearance or subpoena by law enforcement agency.
- Special event approved by school administrator.
- Scheduled doctor or dentist appointment.
- Student has a communicable disease.
- Student is on a field trip or suspended.



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BROWARD COUNTY TRUANCY INTERVENTION PROGRAM



- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn early that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your child to their teachers and classmates before school starts to help them transition.
- Don't let your children stay home unless they are truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- If your children seem anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make them feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting your child to school in case of an emergency. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.



For more on school attendance, visit:

- attendanceworks.org
- browardschools.com/attendance

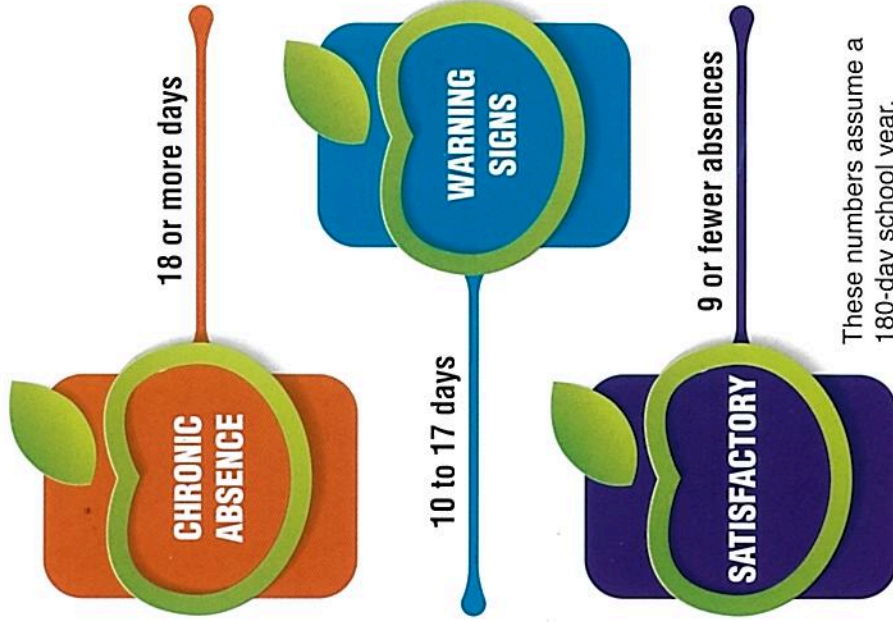
ABSENCES ADD UP!

#schooleveryday

Missing just 2 days a month means a child misses 10% of the school year.



WHEN DO ABSENCES BECOME A PROBLEM?



These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

The Broward Truancy Intervention Program (BTIP) is a partnership between the Broward State Attorney's Office and Broward County Public Schools.

Parents who do not comply with the compulsory attendance laws may be referred for court intervention.

Violations of the attendance laws are a second-degree misdemeanor, punishable by law.