

Attendance Information

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<https://go.boarddocs.com/ga/fcss/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=9EHLDB554789>

The Fulton County Board of Education considers regular school attendance essential to successful school progress. Students must be present to take full advantage of available educational opportunities.

Parents are encouraged to review FCS Board Policy JBD: Attendance and Absences for important information regarding:

- Late Arrivals / Early Checkouts
- Excused Absences
- Absences Recorded as Present
- Unexcused Absences
- Make-up Work
- Parent Notification / Involvement
- Recognition and Incentive Programs / Attendance Awards

Any child in the state of Georgia subject to compulsory attendance who during the school calendar year has **more than five (5) days of unexcused absences** is considered truant (Georgia State Board of Education Rule 160-5-1-.10).

[Board Policy JD, Student Discipline](#), outlines consequences for failure to comply with this law.

Automated Attendance Calls/Emails

- **NOTE: On September 30, 2019, FCS began sending daily attendance notifications by phone and email for the 2019-20 school year.**

Middle & High School Attendance Messages

- Middle/High School attendance calls begin going out around 4:30 p.m. on the day of the absence.
- If your student is absent or misses one or more periods of the school day, they will be marked with an "A" (for absent) in our attendance system and you will receive an automated phone call and email message to the designated contact info you provided in Infinite Campus. **This includes excused absences that are approved in advance.**
- Errors can occur and if you feel you received a phone call by mistake, contact your school front office to verify that your student's attendance record is accurate.
- If your student's absence was unexpected, please remember to send a note when they return to school so the absence can be marked "excused" in the system.

Elementary School Attendance Messages

- Elementary attendance messages begin going out around 10:45 a.m. on the day of the absence.
- If your student is not present by 10:30 a.m., they will be marked with an "A" (for absent) in our attendance system and you will receive an automated phone call and email message to the designated contact info you provided in Infinite Campus. **This includes excused absences that are approved in advance.**
- If your student was tardy that day, it is possible they are marked absent that morning prior to the out-going call but then changed in the system to "present" later in the day. Errors can occur and if you feel you received a phone call by mistake, contact your school front office to verify that your student's attendance record is accurate.
- If your student's absence was unexpected, please remember to send a note when they return to school so the absence can be marked "excused" in the system.

Attachments:

[BoardDocs® Policy JBD Attendance and Absences.pdf](#) (82.3 KB)