



A PARENT'S QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE TO STUDENT ATTENDANCE FOR 2020-2021

*Strong and consistent student attendance is directly related to academic achievement.
 State law requires all children between the ages of 6 and 19 years of age to
 be enrolled in school. Our school district has high attendance standards.*

BISD'S STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Student attendance goals are:
**Elementary Schools...97.5%,
 Middle School...97%, & High School...96%.**

A STUDENT IS TRUANT DUE TO UNEXCUSED ABSENCES IF HE/SHE

Is absent 10 or more days or parts of days within
 a 6 month period in the same school year.

As per state law: (1) It is the parent's duty to
 monitor the student's attendance and require
 the student to attend school (either in person
 or virtually). (2) The parent may be subject
 to criminal prosecution. (3) A conference
 between school officials and a parent to discuss
 excessive absences will be required.

A student who violates compulsory attendance
 laws may be subject to truancy court by
 the process of a referral where court costs,
 community service and other remedial orders
 may be assigned.

ATTENDANCE LIMITS

Elementary Schools: 18 days per year

Middle Schools: 8 days first semester,
 10 days second semester

Early College High Schools: 8 days first semester,
 10 days second semester

ATTENDANCE FOR CREDIT

Any student with less than 90 percent attendance
 for the days the class is offered shall be subject
 to loss of credit in the course(s) where excessive
 absences have been recorded according to Policy
 FEC (Legal). Simply, a student may lose credit in
 a class whether he/she is passing or not, if he/she
 is absent over the limit.

A student can submit an appeal in writing to the
 campus administration requesting removal of
 the "NO CREDIT" status. The student may be
 asked to make up work and time and no longer be
 absent as part of the conditions. A committee will
 review each case based on phone calls and written
 documentation of absences reported. For details,
 call your campus administrator.

EXCUSED ABSENCES

As per policy FEA (Legal), the District shall excuse
 a student from attending school for the following
 purposes:

▶ **Religious Holy Days** – One day of excused
 travel for traveling to and from the site where
 the student will observe holy days.

▶ **Court Appearances** – One day of excused
 travel for traveling to and from the site where
 the student will attend required court
 appearance.

▶ **Citizenship Proceedings** – Appearing at
 a government office to complete citizenship
 proceedings.

▶ **Election Clerks** – Serving as an election
 clerk or student early voting clerk, maximum 2
 days per year.

▶ **Health Care Appointments** – Temporary
 absence resulting from an appointment with a
 health care professional if the student
 commences classes or returns to school on the
 same day of appointment.

▶ **Campus Visits** – To visit an institution of
 higher education during student's junior and
 senior year of high school, maximum 2 days
 per year.

▶ **Military** – Children of military personnel
 who will be or have been deployed within 60
 days before deployment or up to 30 days after
 arrival date, maximum 5 days per year.

▶ **Military Enlistment** – Student pursuing enlist-
 ments in the military, maximum 4 days per year.

For more information, call the BISD Pupil Services Department at **(956) 544-3966.**

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