



Attendance / Truancy Policy

The State of Louisiana Compulsory Attendance Law mandates that students cannot be absent more than 10 unexcused days for an academic year. Any student with 11 or more unexcused days can be retained in their current grade. Continued attendance at ISL requires compliance with this policy. Students with five or more unexcused tardies or absences within a month will be reported as truant. The parents or guardians of students who have been tardy or absent three times without a documented excuse will be required to meet with school administrators.

EXCUSED ABSENCE OR TARDY

An absence, tardy or early departure may be excused if due to personal illness with a note, death in the immediate family, impassable roads due to inclement weather, religious observance and education, quarantine, required court appearance, or approved field trip. To be considered excused, all of the above must have the appropriate documentation and principal's approval. Notes from your health care provider must be submitted within five days of the absence.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCE OR TARDY

Writing a note does NOT mean that an absence is automatically excused. An absence, tardiness or early departure is considered unexcused if the reason for lack of attendance does not fall into the above categories. The following are considered unexcused absences: personal illness without a note, suspension, lack of required documentation.

Louisiana Truancy Law R.S. 17:233

Cases of habitual absence and or tardiness are referred to juvenile or family court. Any student who is a juvenile and who is habitually absent from school or is habitually tardy shall be reported by the Supervisors of Child Welfare and Attendance to the family or juvenile court of the parish or city as a truant. A student shall be considered habitually absent or habitually tardy when either condition continues to exist after all reasonable efforts by the principal and the teacher have failed to correct the condition after the fifth unexcused absence or fifth unexcused tardy within any month or a pattern of five absences is established. After the teacher, principal and social worker have made efforts to assist the family in getting the student to school on time, the student and family will be referred to the appropriate authorities.

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