

## Board Policy Absences and Excuses

Descriptor Code: JBD

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The Atlanta Board of Education recognizes that daily attendance at school is required for student success. In accordance with the provisions of state board rule 160-5-1-.10, Student Attendance the Georgia compulsory attendance law, the Atlanta Board of Education defines acceptable excuses absences for being absent from school as:

- Personal illness of the student and/or a situation in which when attendance in school would endanger the health of the student or the health of others.
- Serious illness or death in the immediate family of the student that would reasonably necessitate absence from school.
- Special and recognized religious holidays observed by the faith of the student that necessitate absence from school.
- Mandates by the school or other governmental agencies, such as pre-induction physical examination for service in the armed forces, or a court order or out-of-school suspension.
- Weather or other environmental conditions preventing a student from getting to school or rendering school attendance hazardous to the health or safety of the student.
- ~~An absence not to exceed one (1) day in order for the student to register to vote~~ Voter registration or voting in a public election, not to exceed one (1) day per school year.
- ~~An absence not to exceed~~ Five (5) days or fewer per school year for a child of a military or National Guard parent who is called to duty in a combat zone or combat-supporting post, or for a student whose parent is on leave from such an assignment.

Upon return to school from any absence, the student shall bring to the school a note, signed by the parent/legal guardian, stating the reason for the absence.

~~A student who is at least twelve (12) years of age and who serves as a Page of the Georgia General Assembly shall be credited as present by the school for days missed for this purpose.~~

A student who has an emergency necessitating absence from school for a portion of the school day must be present at school at least for one-half of the instructional day, excluding lunch, in order to be counted present for the day.

~~Whenever there is cause to release a student from school prior to the end of the regular day, the~~ Prior to the end of the school day, students shall be released only to their parents/legal guardians, or to persons properly identified to school office personnel by the parents/legal guardians, or upon written request by the parents/legal guardians confirmed by telephone or in person.

## Parent Notification of Student Absence

In accordance with administrative regulations and guidelines set forth by the Superintendent, parents shall be notified when children are absent from school or class (~~class cutting~~) without prior notice and approval.

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<b>Georgia Code</b>	<b>DescriptionCode</b>
O.C.G.A. 20-02-0699	<u>Disposition of Children Taken Into Custody</u>
O.C.G.A. 20-02-0700	<u>Reports by Peace Officers to School Authorities</u>
O.C.G.A. 20-02-0690.2	<u>Establishment of Student Attendance Protocol Committee</u>
O.C.G.A. 20-02-0691	<u>Minimum Annual Attendance Required</u>
O.C.G.A. 20-02-0696	<u>Duties of Visiting Teachers and Attendance Officers</u>
O.C.G.A. 20-02-0692.1	<u>Excused Absence: Military Parent on Leave</u>
O.C.G.A. 20-02-0310	<u>Student directory information; voter and selective service registration; pledge of allegiance</u>
O.C.G.A. 20-02-0690.1	<u>Mandatory education for children between 6 and 16</u>
O.C.G.A. 20-02-0692	<u>General Assembly pages granted excused absences</u>
O.C.G.A. 20-02-0694	<u>Administration/enforcement of attendance reqts.</u>
O.C.G.A. 20-02-0695	<u>Employing attendance officers in addition to visiting teachers</u>
O.C.G.A. 20-02-0697	<u>Cooperation of principals and teachers with attendance officers and visiting teachers</u>
O.C.G.A. 20-02-0698	<u>Assumption of temporary custody of truant children by peace officers</u>
O.C.G.A. 20-02-0701	<u>Mandatory reporting of truants to juvenile or other courts</u>
O.C.G.A. 40-05-0022	<u>Requirements for licensure; school attendance requirements</u>
Rule 160-4-2-.16	<u>Scheduling for Instruction</u>
Rule 160-5-1-.10	<u>Student Attendance</u>

Protocol has been ratified by the Board

