

# **Bryan Middle & High School Attendance Information**

- HB410 established new attendance laws in Ohio
- The State of Ohio is currently reviewing some aspects of these new laws\*
- The focus is on hours & minutes
- School day, excluding lunch is 6.15 hours long
- School year at 180 day minus 5 calamity days is 1076.25 hours
- 10% of the school year is around 107 hours or about 2 days per month
- There are two types of absence situations
  - Excessive Absences and Habitually Truant

## **Excessive Absences:**

- This is a mix of excused and unexcused absences\*. Excused absences could be doctor appointments, days out ill, family vacations, emergency at home or such.
- Benchmarks for excessive absences are:
  - 38 or more school hours in one school month
  - 65 or more school hours in a school year
- Any appropriate intervention action may be taken

## **Habitually Truant:**

- There are three benchmarks here:
  - 30 hours of consecutive unexcused absence
  - 42 hours of unexcused absence in one calendar month
  - 72 hours of unexcused absence in a school year
- This involves a Truancy Officer & the development of an Attendance Intervention Plan
- There are regular follow-up meetings at 30 & 60 days
- If attendance does not improve after 60 days, it will be referred to the court
- It could be referred earlier if there is no improvement

## **What should I do?**

- Parents should get a doctor note for all absences if possible
- Parents should contact the school when their child is out sick
  - Phone 419-636-4536 press 1 for attendance
  - Email [attendance9-12@bryanschools.net](mailto:attendance9-12@bryanschools.net)
  - Email [attendance6-8@bryanschools.net](mailto:attendance6-8@bryanschools.net)
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- Parents should make sure their child is absent for a minimal amount of time when seeing a doctor
  - This means travel to & from the appointment and the time of the appointment
  - Students will only be excused for the minimal amount of time for the appointment
  - For example: Students missing a full day of school for an afternoon appointment will be marked as unexcused for the morning