

Bryan Middle & High School Attendance Information

- HB410 established new attendance laws in Ohio
- 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 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 absences
 - 42 hours of unexcused absences in one calendar month
 - 72 hours of unexcused absences 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 during the plan it will be referred to the court

What should I do?

- Parents should get a doctor's 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
 - Email 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