

Excused Absences

State law requires school attendance for students age 7 to 16.

Gwinnett County Board of Education Policy states that students will be excused from school under the following circumstances:

- Personal illness: individuals whose attendance in school will endanger their health or the health of others. Medical documentation may be required upon the return to school for the purpose of validating a serious or extended illness.
- Serious illness or death in immediate family, formal documentation of a funeral brochure, program, or obituary is required to be excused.
- Doctor/Dentist/ other healthcare professional appointment, a doctor, dental, or other healthcare provider documentation is required to be excused.
- Recognize a county approved religious holiday.
- Student under orders of government agency, a court or government mandated paper is required to be excused.
- Voter Registration (18 years or older) or voting
- Service as a page in the Georgia General Assembly
- Conditions rendering school attendance impossible or hazardous to student's health or safety
- A student misses school day to spend time with active duty combat-zone parent(s) who are about to leave for overseas deployment or who are between military deployments.

For an absence to be excused, the student must bring a signed note from a parent or guardian or formal documentation stating the reason for the absence **within 2 days** of returning to school. Please make sure to include the student's name, student number, and the date(s) of absence, reason for the absence, parent or guardian's name and a phone number. All day absence notes are given to the 1st period teacher. For signature verification purposes emails to excuse absences cannot be accepted.

Parent notes will be accepted for up to ten (10) excused all day absences and six (7) check-in or tardies per semester. Formal medical documentation may be required for the purpose of validating a serious illness or extended illness.