

# **Dawson Springs Independent Schools**

## **Attendance Information**

- Parents have a total of 6 (six) parent notes to write for student illness. After a total of 6 (six) cumulative absences due to illness, students are required to present a written statement from a medical professional (doctor, dentist, psychologist, etc.) for each additional absence for the school year in order to be excused. One day absent equals one parent note.
- Any public-school student, who has not reached his or her 21st (twenty-first) birthday and who has been absent from school without a valid excuse for 3 (three) or more days or tardy to school without a valid excuse on 3 (three) or more days, is considered truant. A student who has been reported truant 2 (two) or more times is considered habitually truant (6 or more unexcused events).
- When a student is determined to have 3 (three) unexcused absences, a letter shall be sent from the school informing the parent/guardian of the absences and the consequences of the accumulated unexcused absences.
- When a student is determined to have 6 (six) unexcused absences, a letter shall be sent from the school informing the parent/guardian of the absences and the consequences of the accumulated unexcused absences.
- When a student is determined to have 6 (six) or more unexcused absences, the DSIS Pupil Personnel Office shall send a final notice to the parent/guardian informing him/her of the possible legal consequences of the accumulated unexcused absence events.
- Tardies affect attendance! You will receive a letter in the mail once your child has 6 (six) unexcused tardies and will receive a "Final Notice" letter once they receive 12 (twelve) unexcused tardies. Tardies may also result in charges being filed with the county attorney's office.
- House Bill 611 now requires the Director of Pupil Personnel to report any student who has been absent without excuse for fifteen (15) or more days during the school year to the county attorney for determination of appropriate court intervention.