

NOTICE OF NEW SCHOOL ATTENDANCE POLICY

The Fentress County School System would like to inform the parents, guardians, grandparents and families of students in Fentress County Schools of the recently adopted ***attendance policy that will go into effect on January 1, 2008***. This policy was approved by the Fentress County Board of Education in November 2007. In monitoring this year's school attendance reports, great concern has developed regarding unexcused absences as well as late arrival and early dismissal tardies. We want to ensure the best attendance records possible for our students in order to maintain quality education and academic growth in Fentress County Schools. Please review this policy and join with us in preventing school truancy.

EXCUSED ABSENCES

1. *Doctor's Excuse*
2. *Funeral*
3. *Religious Holiday*

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES *(Elementary)*

3 unexcused absences = phone call from Truancy Officer
(if no response or disconnected telephone number(s), home visit by Truancy Officer)
5 unexcused absences = official letter from school Principal
7 unexcused absences = home visit by Truancy Officer(s)
10 unexcused absences = petition to juvenile court

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES *(High School)*

1 unexcused absence = phone call from Truancy Officer
3 unexcused absences = official letter from school Principal, Principal/Parent Conference
4 unexcused absences = home visit by Truancy Officer(s)
5 unexcused absences = petition to juvenile court

UNEXCUSED TARDIES/EARLY DISMISSALS *(Elementary)*

5 unexcused tardies = phone call by Truancy Officer
10 unexcused tardies = official letter from school Principal
12 unexcused tardies = home visit by Truancy Officer(s)
15 unexcused tardies = petition to juvenile court

UNEXCUSED TARDIES/EARLY DISMISSALS *(High School)*

3 unexcused tardies = 1 hour in after-school detention
4 unexcused tardies = 2 hours in after-school detention
5 unexcused tardies = 3 hours in after-school detention
(each unexcused tardy after 5 will accumulate to hours in detention)

Classroom Tardies

1st tardy = warning
2nd tardy and beyond = detention

MAKE-UP WORK *(K-12)*

Excused/Unexcused Absences—1 day per day absent to make up work *(100% grading scale)*