

Attendance Policy 2024-2025

Attendance

Regular daily classroom instruction is important to ensuring a student's academic progress. Students should attend school unless they are ill, or a serious reason arises. Students must be present a minimum of 160 days to be eligible to receive credit for courses taken. Exceptions can be made only with the approval of the principal.

Absences

When a student is absent from school the parent must email the student's teachers AND report the absence to the school by going to the St. George website at www.st-georgeschool.com < Resources < Student Absence Reporting/Doctor Note Submission < Complete the form and < Submit before 8:30am.

Absences due to illness and emergencies will be considered excused once a parent has submitted an absence form and doctor excuse, when applicable, on the website. Notifications received more than 3 days after an absence will not be accepted. Absences due to vacation and non-school related activities will not be excused. Students who are absent for all or part of a school day, due to illness, may not participate in extracurricular activities occurring on that day without the approval of the administration. Students who have an unexcused absence may not participate in extracurricular activities occurring on that day.

A student who is absent for three consecutive days due to illness must upload a doctor's note on the school website after the third absence and prior to returning to school.

Tardies, or Early Releases due to medical appointments will be excused if accompanied by a doctor's excuse. Excuses received more than 3 days after an absence will not be accepted.

Students away from school for more than three (3) hours will have their attendance recorded as ½ day absence.

Early Release

Parents checking out students early must report to the school office and sign the early release book. **Students may not be checked out after 2:15 pm.**

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Parents wishing to change their child (ren)'s dismissal plans must contact the school office by 2:15pm. Please contact either the main office or the PK office to make dismissal changes.

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Tardies

Students who arrive at school after **7:43am** are considered tardy. Parents must accompany their child to the school office to obtain a tardy slip before going to class. The parents of students accruing 4 or more tardies in a 9-week period will be notified. Eight or more tardies in a 9-week period will result in a meeting with administration.

Missed Assignments

Excused Absences: Students who miss one or two days of school are expected to complete any missed assignments (academic practice, tests, quizzes, class work) in the number of days equal to the number of days absent. For example, if a student is absent on Tuesday and returns to school on Wednesday, the student should gather missed work on Wednesday and turn in completed work by Thursday afternoon. Students who miss 3 or more days are expected to complete any missed assignments within 5 school days following the day they return.

Parents may request assignments and textbooks from the teacher. If so, these items can be picked up in the school office between 3:00 and 3:30. If assignments are provided, it is assumed that assignments will be completed and returned to the teacher upon the student's return to school. An "M" in FACTS is used to denote an assignment has been missed and needs to be made up in the allowable timeframe. If a student does not complete the missed assignments in accordance with the plan, 10% will be deducted on each assignment for each day thereafter.

Unexcused Absences: In all events, it is the responsibility of the student and/or parent to plan with the teacher and/or other students to complete all missed assignments. This plan should be determined before the actual absence. Teachers are not obligated to have materials prepared ahead of time for vacations and other unexcused absences. Students are expected to complete any missed assignments in the number of days equal to the number of days absent, but not exceeding three school days. An "M" in FACTS is used to denote an assignment has been missed and needs to be made up in the allowable timeframe. If a student does not complete the missed assignments in accordance with the plan, 10% will be deducted on each assignment for each day thereafter.