



A PARENT'S QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE TO STUDENT ATTENDANCE FOR 2025-2026

Strong and consistent student attendance is directly related to academic achievement. State law requires all children between the ages of 6 and 19 years of age to be enrolled in school. Our district has high attendance standards.

TISDs STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Primary/Elementary Campus = 97%

Middle/High Campus = 96%

A STUDENT IS TRUANT DUE TO UNEXCUSED ABSENCES IF HE/SHE

Is absent 10 or more days or parts of days within 6 months in the same school year.

As per state law, (1) It is the parent's duty to monitor the student's attendance and require the student to attend school. (2) The parent may be subject to criminal prosecution. (3) A conference between school officials and a parent to discuss excessive absences will be required.

A student who violates compulsory attendance laws may be subject to truancy court by the process of a referral where court costs, community service, and other remedial orders may be assigned.

ATTENDANCE FOR CREDIT

A student with less than 90 percent attendance for the days the class is offered shall be subject to loss of credit in the course(s) where excessive absences have been recorded according to Policy FEC (Legal). Simply, a student may lose credit in a class whether he/she is passing or not, if he/she is absent over the limit.

ATTENDANCE LIMITS

Primary/Elementary - 16 days per year

Middle/High - 8 days per semester

EXCUSED ABSENCES - As per FEA (Legal), the District shall excuse a student from attending school for the following purposes:

Parent Notes - As a local policy, Tatum ISD accepts five (5) parent notes/year to use for excused absences. Those notes must be turned in within a week of the absence.

•**Religious Holidays** - One day of excused travel for traveling to and from the site where the student will observe holy days.

•**Court Appearances** - One day of excused travel for traveling to and from the site where the student will attend a required court appearance

•**Citizenship Proceedings** - Appearing at a government office to complete citizenship proceedings.

•**Election Clerks** - Serving as an election clerk or student early voting clerk, maximum 2 days per year

•**Health Care Appointments** - Temporary Absence resulting from an appointment with a healthcare professional

•**Campus Visits** - To visit an institution of higher education during a student's junior and senior year of high school, a maximum 2 days per year

•**Military** - Children of military personnel who will be or have been deployed within 60 days before deployment or up to 30 days after arrival date, maximum 5 days per year.

•**Military Enlistment** - Students pursuing enlistments in the military, maximum 4 days per year.

•**Driver's License** - Visiting a driver's license office to obtain a driver's license or permit. Students must be enrolled in high school and 15 years or older, maximum 1 day yearly.

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