

# PARENT INFORMATION MEETING ATTENDANCE

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Spurger ISD

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# Compulsory Attendance

Good attendance is important for many reasons:

Your child receives the maximum benefit of education by being in school every day, and numerous studies show a strong link between academic performance and consistent attendance.

Because attendance is so critical for the quality of your child's education, Texas has a Compulsory Attendance Law.

State law requires schoolchildren to attend school each day that instruction is provided. The law applies to children between the ages of 6 and 18. **If you voluntarily enroll your child in prekindergarten or kindergarten before age 6, school attendance laws apply to your child, too.**

# 90% Rule

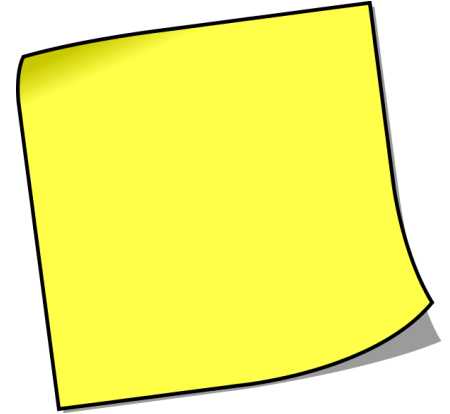
In addition to the Compulsory Attendance Law, there is the 90 Percent Rule, which states that students must attend class for 90 percent of the time it is offered to receive credit/grade for the class. If the student doesn't meet this requirement, an Attendance Review Committee may grant the student credit, depending on the circumstances.

# Excused Absences

- School sponsored curricular activities or extracurricular activities
- Medical appointments if school attended on the same day
- Activity required by a probation office or Human Services caseworker
- Visiting a parent who is an active duty member of the uniformed services and has been called to duty, is on leave from, or has immediately returned from a combat zone or combat support posting
- Religious holy days
- Serving as an election clerk
- Juniors and Seniors College Days (with Principal's approval)

# What to do if your child is absent.

**Please send a note.  
Parent or Doctor Note**



Notes do not erase absences but they do provide information to the Attendance Review Committee when making decisions about denial of credit/grade and how students may regain credits/grades.

# Notification of Absences

Each semester's absences will be handled in the following manner:

Students must be in attendance at the time ADA (average daily attendance) is taken for that day in order to participate in all school related activities.

Pre-K – 12th Grades:

3rd day -- Notification from District on updated absences

6th day -- Letter from District on updated absences

9th day -- Letter from District (Extenuating circumstances will be reviewed at this time.)

10th day -- Court appearance with local Justice of the Peace (Students ages 12-17)

12th day -- Letter from District

15th day -- Letter from District

18th day -- Letter from District

(Spurger ISD Student Handbook, p. 26-27)

**3 unexcused in a 4 week period or 10 unexcused in a 6 month period can result in truancy charges against the parent and against the student after age 11**

# Truancy

Students who are out of compliance may have charges filed upon them and/or their parents.



# Instructional Time

Students must be in the instructional setting at least 90% of the time to gain credit for classes (9th-12th) or to be promoted to the next grade level (K-8th).

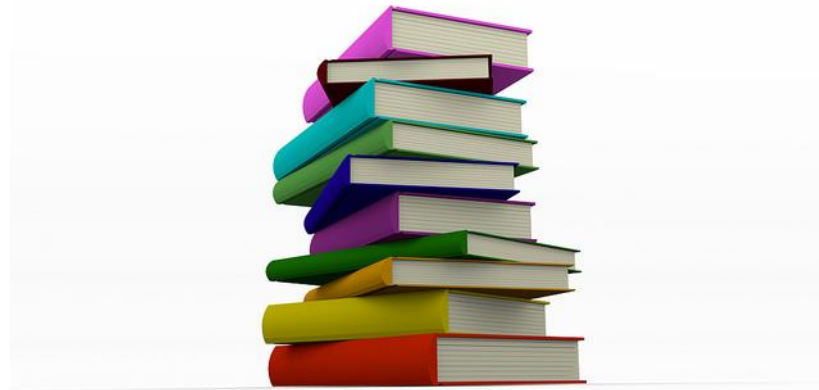




# How to regain grades/credit.

K-6<sup>th</sup>-Students may be assigned to afterschool instruction.

7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>-Students may be assigned to Saturday School to make up instructional time.



# Why is attendance so important?

- If your child is not in the classroom, then they miss out!
- Incentive trips are earned through attendance  
(bowling, Kemah, etc.)
- Exemptions

# Questions?



Spurger ISD Student Handbook p. 24-28