

J.B Page Primary

Where Every Child & Every Minute Matters

YOUR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE MATTERS & EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

Lawful (Excused) Absences are excusable absences permitted by the NC State Board of Education.

The following are **Lawful Absences**:

- Illness or Injury (1A*)
- Medical/Dental Appointment (1B)
- Death in Family (1C) - Must provide obituary or funeral information
- Educational Opportunity which includes trips, college visits (1G) Requires prior approval
- Court Proceedings (1E) If student is involved in proceeding or subpoenaed
- Religious Observances (1F)
- In-School Suspension (3A)
- Out-of-School Suspension (3) **denotes PowerSchool attendance code*

Lawful Absences Procedure: A parent written, email, electronic communication, or medical notes for lawful absences must be turned in within 3 school days of the absence.

When a student reaches 10 unexcused absences it is a violation of the NC Compulsory Attendance Law and criminal charges can be filed.

TARDIES & EARLY CHECK OUTS

Students who arrive after 7:30 am are considered tardy and must be signed in by a parent in the front office upon arrival. We know that emergencies arise but please understand the impact that being late or leaving early has on your child and the rest of the class. A few minutes here and there quickly add up and send a message to your child that it is okay to be late for school or work and impacts their education. Please teach your child responsible habits by having them on time to school and attending for the entire day. For a tardy or early release to be excused it must be for one of the excusable reasons above and be accompanied by a note.

LATE FOR SCHOOL?

CHILDREN LEARN BEST AT THE START OF THE DAY

If your child misses....	That Equals...	Which is...	Over 13 years of schooling that is.....
10 minutes a Day	50 minutes a Week	1.5 Weeks per Year	Nearly 1/2 Year of lost learning
20 minutes a Day	1 hour 40 minutes a Week	2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly 1 Year of lost learning
30 minutes a day	1/2 a Day a Week	4 Weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 Years of lost learning
1 hour a Day	1 day a Week	8 Weeks per year	Nearly 2.5 Years of lost learning

Support your child's success. Make sure they attend school, all day, every day!

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!

WHAT IS YOUR CHILD MISSING WHEN THEY ARE TARDY OR LEAVE EARLY?

Valuable Instruction

Each time a student comes in late or leaves early it is a disruption for the other students and the teacher. Students lose their focus and the teacher must stop teaching to see that your child is checked in/out and valuable time is lost.

Class instruction begins at **7:30 am** each day and ends at **2:15 pm**.

Every minute your child misses is a minute of education lost.

I am here to help. If you have any questions, concerns, or needs at any time during the school year, please feel free to contact me by phone, email, or by visiting the school. Your child's success is my goal and I am available for your student and family.

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*Help us work together to ensure your child's
success and the best education possible*

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