

ATTENDANCE

The parent of a child of compulsory school age is responsible for the child's daily school attendance. School staff, parents, students, and appropriate state agencies are expected to work together to ensure that laws are obeyed including, but not limited to, referral to the state designated agency for possible court action for extended absence or truancy. Student Services Administrative Rule SS-5 outlines the rules that apply to attendance and attendance procedures. You may view this policy and all School Board policies on the Web at <http://www.beaufortschools.net> .

S.C. Code Ann § 59-65-30(f) A child who has reached the age of sixteen years and whose further attendance in school, vocational school, or available special classes is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be disruptive to the educational program of the school, unproductive of further learning, or not in the best interest of the child, and who is authorized by the court to enter into suitable gainful employment under the supervision of the court until age seventeen is attained. However, prior to being exempted from the provisions of this article, the court may first require that the child concerned be examined physically and tested mentally to assist the court to determine whether or not gainful employment would be more suitable for the child than continued attendance in school. The examination and testing must be conducted by the Department of Youth Services or by any local agency which the court determines to be appropriate. The court shall revoke the exemption provided in this item upon a finding that the child fails to continue in his employment until reaching the age of seventeen years.

Any disputes on excused and unexcused absences will be determined at the discretion of the Principal.

A student's presence in class is required to maximize the attainment of instructional objectives. For students who demonstrate patterns of non-attendance, interventions may be recommended.

Rights

Students have a right to know how the District defines and handles excused absences, unexcused absences, and tardiness. The District's Disciplinary Code that assigns specific consequences for misbehavior is part of the school's discipline plan.

Students have a right to make-up work they missed during an excused absence or suspension.

Students who are married, are parents, or are expectant mothers have a right to remain in the regular school program or to attend a special program designed to meet their needs.

Students have a right to be protected from exposure to communicable diseases and infestations when in school.

Responsibilities

Students have a responsibility to attend all classes. Students have a responsibility to be on time for school and all classes. Students have a responsibility to ask their parents to notify the school when they are absent. Students have a responsibility to ask teachers for, and to complete, make-up assignments. Students have a responsibility to get medical advice and/or counseling about how to adjust their schooling for marriage, pregnancy, and parenthood. Students having or suspected of having a communicable disease are not allowed to attend school. In order to return to school, parents must obtain a doctor's note stating that the student is no longer contagious. Chickenpox is the only infectious disease that does not require a doctor's note.