

Student Attendance

- School attendance is required by state law for students up to age 17 (Colorado School Attendance Law -C.R.S. 22-33-101 et seq.).
- High School Students must attend a minimum of 1,056 hours of school in order to comply with the law. This equates to a **maximum of 10 days absent per school year to be in compliant.**
- 12th grade seniors must sustain a 93% attendance rate in order to attend the Prom and walk across the stage for graduation. (Per TJHS policy)
- All students are expected to have an average attendance rate of 93% or higher. Those who do not may lose the privilege of participating in or attending extra curricular activities.
- School Principal has final decision on whether or not a tardy and/or absence can be excused.
- Auto calls will go out to parent/guardian for each student marked absent or unexcused tardy.

Below is an overview of the different types of absences and definitions.

A. An **excused absence** will be absence with permission of the parent/guardian and school principal. Such absences include those that are the result of the following:

1. temporary illness or injury
2. physical, mental, or emotional disability or condition

B. An **unexcused absence** will include those that are the result of suspension and expulsion, except as provided in Sections II-B, II-B 4, II-B 5 and II-C below, or those that are with permission of the parent/guardian but without permission of the school principal

C. A **truancy** will be absence without the permission of the parent/guardian and the school principal

D. A **habitually truant** student is defined as a pupil who has four unexcused absences or trancies in any month or ten unexcused absences or trancies during any school year and is between the ages of seven to sixteen, if enrolled in the first grade or above, and sixteen; for the purpose of defining a habitually truant student, absences due to suspension or expulsion will be considered excused

E. A **school service absence** will include those pupils who are participating in school activities authorized and pre-approved by the school administration; pupils will be counted as present in the school regardless of the location of the activity

F. A **tardy** is defined as less than 10 minutes late to class. Over 10 minutes is considered absent.

To excuse an absence or tardy please call TJHS automated attendance line at

720-423-7040

Tardies are to be excused by 2:30pm on same day of occurrence.

Absences are to be excused within 48 hours of occurrence.

For additional information of DPS policies, please visit the Policies & Procedures Guide at <http://communications.dpsk12.org/languages/>

For additional information on Colorado Compulsory School Attendance please visit http://www.cde.state.co.us/choice/homeschool_attendancelaw