



STATE LAW Attendance Update

When students attend school regularly, they grow academically and socially. Consistency makes a big difference in terms of both relationships and learning at school!

What's Changed?

The State of Ohio has changed its perspective on student absence. Previously, the state placed an emphasis on excused or unexcused absences. Now, the state is focusing on how often students are absent for any reason.

Lakewood educators will partner with parents and caregivers earlier than in the past to proactively address attendance and underlying issues.

Attendance Levels

Risk Category	Attendance Percentage	Approximate Missed Time
 SATISFACTORY	Absent 5% or less	About 6 hours/month
 AT-RISK OF CHRONIC ABSENCE	Absent 5%-9%	7-11 hours/month
 MODERATE CHRONIC ABSENCE	Absent 10%-19%	2-4 days/month
 SEVERE CHRONIC ABSENCE	Absent 20%-40%	5-9 days/month
 EXTREME CHRONIC ABSENCE	Absent 50% or more	10+ days/month

Reminders

Check Infinite Campus regularly to monitor attendance and grades.

Reach out to your student's teacher, the school counselor or the family resource coordinator if your child is struggling with attendance.

Additional Support

If your family is experiencing any barriers to your student attending school regularly, Lakewood educators are here to help.

When students have higher levels of chronic absenteeism - especially missing 30 consecutive hours, 42 hours in a month or 72 hours in the year - other agencies will likely be brought into the conversation about how to intervene.

*Parents/caregivers are the first and most valuable teachers in a child's life.
We look forward to working with you for their success!*