



2017-2018 POLICIES & PROCEDURES SNAPSHOT FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS

Attendance

How many days of school can my child miss?

JPPSS believes that daily student attendance is critical for student success during the year.

Elementary/Middle School Students: State policy requires a total of 60,120 minutes for the school year to be eligible for promotion. This means a student can miss no more than 10 school days of school to be eligible for promotion.

High School Students: In order to receive grades for a semester, a student must be in attendance 30,060 minutes. This means a student can miss no more than 4.5 days in the first semester, and 5.5 days in the second semester.

Excused Absences

What do I do if my child is sick, is suspended, has to go to court, or someone dies? What about a religious holiday?

JPPSS recognizes several types of absences. Parents should communicate extenuating circumstances to the principal.

Sick: Students who are sick are marked absent unexcused, unless, the parents submits a doctor's note or writes a note if the student is absent from school no more than 3 consecutive days. If a doctor's note or a parent letter is submitted, students are allowed to make-up work and the absence is not counted against attendance requirements.

Suspended: Students who receive an out of school suspension as a disciplinary consequence are marked absent unexcused. The student is allowed to make up missed work (full or partial credit), but the absence counts against the attendance requirement.

Court: Students who must attend court must submit the attendance document they receive from the courts upon their return to school. The student is allowed to make up work, and the absence is excused.

Death: Students who experience the death of a family are excused to travel to and attend the burial services. The student is allowed to make up missed work, the absence is excused, and the student must bring in documentation of the death.

Religious Holidays: Parents must communicate religious holidays to the school principal. These absences are excused and students are allowed to make up work.

Suspensions

If my child is suspended and I disagree with the suspension, what can I do?

Principals may issue reasonable disciplinary consequences and corrective measures to maintain order and protect instructional time on campuses. Parents must receive paperwork from the school that states the offense and the consequence, and the return date. If a parent does not believe the student committed the offense, they may appeal the suspension.

Appeal: A parent/guardian may request an appeal by contacting a district Hearing Officer at 365-5312 within 5 days of receiving the suspension. The district Hearing Officer's decision is final.

Expulsions

If my child is expelled, what do I do? Can I appeal? Can they go to another school?

Principals may recommend an expulsion from school for serious and/or habitual offenses. Parents must receive paperwork from the school that states the offense and consequence. If a parent does not believe the student committed the offense, they may appeal the expulsion.

Appeal: A parent/guardian may request an appeal by contacting a district Hearing Officer at 365-5312 within 5 days of receiving the expulsion. The district Hearing Officer will schedule a hearing with the parent, principal, and student. If the parent does not agree with the result/finding of the Hearing Officer, they may appeal to the school board by contacting the Chief Student Support Officer at 349-7901.

Alternative Schools: JPPSS offers several alternative options for parents.

- Alternative Schools
- PM School
- Virtual Learning

Parents should discuss options with the district Hearing Officer.

