

## **IMPORTANT: JR. HIGH ATTENDANCE INFORMATION**

We would like to make you aware, at Hallsville Jr. High attendance is taken every class period. Being tardy to school or leaving early will affect your child's attendance in the classes that are missed. The only exception to this is if your child misses a partial day for a medical appointment and returns to school with an excuse from the medical professional (Ex: doctor, dentist, counselor, etc.) **Please remember that anytime a student is absent he/she must bring a note signed by the parent that describes the reason for the absence.**

Under House Bill 5 (passed by the Texas legislature) all students in kindergarten through grade 12 must be in attendance 90% of the days a class is offered to receive credit for that class. Students missing more than 10% of course time for **any course** may be denied credit for that course. This policy applies to each class period during the school day. **Both excused and unexcused absences are included when determining 90% attendance.**

Your child will receive a progress report every 3 weeks and a report card every 9 weeks. Attendance will be printed on each progress report and report card. Please be aware of the number of absences your child has accumulated so that he/she will be in compliance with the 90% rule.

Our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students have the opportunity to receive High School credit for these courses:

7<sup>th</sup>

Health (1 semester)

8<sup>th</sup>

PreAp Algebra 1 (full year)

PreAp Spanish 1 (full year)

Health (1 semester)

TSDE- Touch Systems Data Entry (1 semester)

The grades earned in these courses will be the first to appear on your student's High School transcript and will be calculated into his/her High School GPA. If a student is below 90% attendance in any of these courses, credit may be denied and will appear on the transcript with the notation "credit denied/attendance". In the one semester courses more than 9 absences can mean denial of credit for the course.

All parents are encouraged to take advantage of their FAMILY ACCESS account. This provides you with current information on your child's attendance, grades, assignments, and links to his/her teachers' email. You may access this by going to HISD homepage and clicking on the FAMILY ACCESS tab or type in family.hisd.com to see your account. You will use the same login and password that you used to register your student. **If you need help with the family access please contact or registrar/PEIMS Clerk ~ Robin Robinson @903-668-5990 ext.2005 or [rrobinson@hisd.com](mailto:rrobinson@hisd.com)**

**If you have any questions about your child's attendance please contact the attendance clerk ~ Angie Williams @ 903-668-5990 ext.2112 or [awilliams@hisd.com](mailto:awilliams@hisd.com).**

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