

IMPORTANT: JR.HIGH ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Doors Open ~ 7:15

Tardy Bell ~ 7:50

School Ends ~ 3:35

- 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.)
- Documentation after an Absence (All Grade Levels). **When a student is absent from school, the student – upon arrival or return to school – must bring a note signed by the parent that describes the reason for the absence.** A note signed by the student, even with the parent's permission, will not be accepted unless the student is age 18 or older or is an emancipated minor under state law. The campus will document in its attendance records for the student whether the absence is considered by the district to be excused or unexcused. **NOTE:** Unless the absence is for a statutorily allowed reason under compulsory attendance laws, the district is not required to excuse any absence, even if the parent provides a note explaining the absence.
- Doctor's Note after an Absence for illness (All Grade Levels) **Upon return to school, a student absent for more than (5) consecutive days because of a personal illness must bring a statement from a doctor or health clinic verifying the illness or condition that caused the student's extended absence from school.** Otherwise, the student's absence may be considered unexcused and, if so, would be considered to be in violation of compulsory attendance laws. Should the student develop a questionable pattern of absences, the principal or attendance committee may require a statement from a doctor or health clinic verifying the illness or condition that caused the student's absence from school to determine whether the absence or absences will be excused or unexcused.
- 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 7th and 8th grade students have the opportunity to receive High School credit for these courses:

- 7th 8th

Health (1 semester)

Honors Algebra 1 (full year)

Honors 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 (**except health**). 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, schedules 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**

If you have any questions about your child's attendance please contact the attendance clerk ~ Erika Magallanes @ 903-668-5990 ext.2112 or emagallanes@hisd.com.

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