

# Attendance

In Louisiana, children between the ages of 5-18 are required by law to attend school. Students must attend a minimum of 167 days of school in order to be promoted to the next grade level.

There are four categories of absences:

**Exempted and Excused:** The student has an extended illness documented by a doctor or misses for a religious holiday.

Students are allowed to make up work for these days, and there is no limit to these absences.

**Non-exempted and Excused:** The student is allowed to make up missed work, but the absences are counted against the attendance requirement. Students are permitted 5 non-exempted and excused absences per semester. A parent can write a note for these absences and turn them into the office.

**Unexcused:** The student is not able to make up their work and the absences is counted against the attendance requirement. One example of this type of absence is skipping school.

**Suspension:** The student is allowed to make up their missed work, but the absence counts against their attendance record.