

## Student Attendance

As educators and parents, we all recognize the relationship among daily school attendance, student performance, graduation, and habits in the workplace.

As educators and parents, we also know that the amount of time actually spent in class is a good measure of student access to an education. Each tardy or absence means a student has lost an opportunity to learn.

In order to address truancy and attendance,

**Georgia state law  
(O.C.G.A. 20-2-690.2)**

now requires that communities and schools work together to address truancy through the recommendations of their local Student Attendance Protocol Committee.

Worth County Schools value their commitment to education and the importance of education for the students of our community.

*This brochure was created to define Worth County Schools attendance protocol and support the values of education in Worth*



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Worth County Alternative School  
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Sylvester Elementary School  
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Holley Elementary School  
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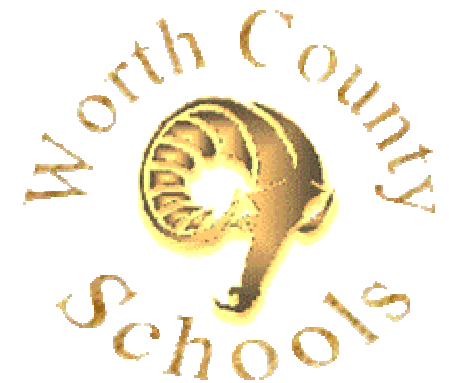
Worth County Primary School  
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*For more information concerning attendance, contact your local school administrator or guidance counselor.*

Worth County Schools

## ATTENDANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

*"Our Goal Is Excellence In  
Education For All Students."*



Sylvester, Georgia

**"A Worth-while  
education!"**

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## *Georgia's State Protocol Committee*

**The State Protocol Committee has two goals set forth in law (O.C.G.A. 20-2-690.2):**

- Ensure coordination and cooperation among officials, agencies, and programs involved in compulsory attendance issues, and to reduce the number of unexcused absences from school.
- Increase the percentage of students who take tests required under state law.



## **Worth County Students Attendance Policy Tardies**

Student tardiness will be addressed through the Worth County School District approved Code of Conduct.

(See Student Handbook)

## Worth County Students What is an Excused Absence?

**A student is excused from school under the following circumstances:**

In the case that a student's personal illness or attendance in school endangers a student's health or the health of others, local boards will require students to present appropriate medical documentation upon return to school for the purpose of validating that the absence is an excused absence. With proper verification a student may be eligible for hospital/homebound instruction

**(S.B.O.E. Rule 160-4-2-.31);**

In the event of a serious illness in a student's immediate family, local boards may require students to present appropriate medical documentation regarding the family member upon return to school for the purpose of validating that the absence is an excused absence.

A court order or an order by a governmental agency, including pre-induction physical examinations for service in the armed forces, mandating absence from school.

Conditions rendering attendance impossible or hazardous to student health or safety.

One day is allowed to register to vote or to vote in a public election.

Students are counted present when they are serving as pages of the Georgia General Assembly.

## **When the absenteeism is excessive...**

**Court referral will be initiated...**

- in cases when students are not attending school and no resolution can be reached;
- in cases when poor attendance is on-going and no sustained improvement is seen, **and** in certain cases where tardiness is a chronic problem.

- In cases of violation of the attendance protocol.



## **When A Student is Absent from School...**

Parents must send a written excuse within the first three days after the student returns to school.

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