

Campbell Middle School

An International Baccalaureate World School



ATTENDANCE PROTOCOLS

The Cobb County School District (CCSD) is required by law to have a policy/protocol to address excessive absences to include procedures for identifying, reporting, investigating and prosecuting cases of alleged violations of the Georgia Compulsory Attendance Law.

Please understand that seven (7) unexcused student absences will result in a referral to the school social worker to address concerns regarding the absences. In addition, ten (10) or more student absences will result in parents being subject to a referral to The Juvenile Court of Cobb County, Magistrate Court of Cobb County and/or Department of Family and Children Services for truancy and/or Educational Neglect. Please note that a principal can refer a student to the school social worker at any time he/she deems necessary.

If your child is legitimately ill or absent, please provide a written parent/doctor note to the school. Cobb School District allows 3 days upon a student's return to turn them into either the homeroom teacher or the attendance clerk. You may also send a note via email to anamika.pol@cobbk12.org.

As attendance clerk, I know of one factor that you could assist us with that will surely help your child maximize his or her education. That factor is GOOD ATTENDANCE. As we embark on a new school year, I believe that it's important to address the issue of student attendance. Those students with poor attendance often experience difficulty catching up and have fewer opportunities to learn the material they missed because of not being in class. Excessive absences at any grade level, whether they are excused or unexcused, can significantly affect a child's achievement and puts them academically at risk.

A child does need to stay home when they are truly sick. Upon returning to school after being absent, student must bring a note from a parent or physician explaining the reason for the absence. Please be reminded that **students must attend at least half the academic day (3.5 hrs.) to be counted present.**

We look forward to seeing your student at school every day!

Sincerely,

Anamika Pol

Attendance Clerk