

Attendance Policy

We believe that students who have good attendance habits are more likely to achieve better grades, enjoy school life to a greater degree, and have more employment opportunities after leaving school. We also believe that good attendance habits contribute to the development of a positive school climate, improved instruction and increased staff and student morale.

The attendance policy is intended to encourage students to develop good attendance habits so that they may take full advantage of the educational opportunities provided by Fowlerville High School.

Student/Parent Responsibilities

1. Students are expected to arrive on time and attend all assigned classes.
2. If a student arrives at school after the final bell for first hour (7:30) or any time thereafter, the student must sign in at the attendance office.
3. Parents must call school to excuse their student otherwise the student will be marked unexcused. The school reserves the right to determine if the reason is excused or unexcused.
4. If students must leave school during the day, the parent must have contact with the school to grant permission prior to the student leaving. Students will be issued a pass from the attendance office but they must sign-out prior to leaving and sign-in when they return. If a student fails to sign-in or out, they will be given a warning the first time and a Group I violation for each time thereafter. Leaving the building or class without permission is considered a group II violation.
5. To excuse an absence, parents must call the Attendance Office within a 48-hr period from the day of the absence. (example: absence on Monday, call must come in by Wednesday). The telephone number is 223-6080. This number may be called 24-hours a day, seven days a week.
6. Parents are urged to consider school hours and the school calendar when scheduling appointments and vacations. Always bring notification from a medical or court appointment as they are taken into consideration for loss of credit consequences.
7. Students and parents, accumulating nine (9) or more absences during a semester will result in a student failing a course. The eight-absence limit includes any absence except medically documented illnesses, funeral, court, or school sponsored/assigned events. Vacation, illness days, hunting, or any other missed school day will be included in the eight (8) day limitation.
8. Students and parents are responsible to keep track of the number of absences in each class period and seek adjustments through the attendance office if errors are discovered.
9. Failure to follow these procedures may result in disciplinary action for the student.

Attendance Protocol

- The number of unexcused/excused absences students may accumulate before disciplinary action occurs is eight (8) per semester.
- If a student goes over the allotted number (8), then the student violates the attendance guidelines set forth by the school and loses their grade and possibly their credit in the course. The student is encouraged to follow the attendance appeal process.
- If a student goes over eight absences (9 or more), the following may occur:
 1. Student is still encouraged to finish the course as best as possible.
 2. The student can appeal the loss of grade/credit to the Assistant Principal.
 3. If the appeal is denied and the student is passing the course at the end of the semester before the exam, the student must receive a 77% or higher on the exam in order to earn the grade for the course.
 - a. EX: Student had 17 absences and the appeal was denied, yet had a 88% grade going into the final; the student must earn a 77% or higher on the end of semester exam in order to receive the grade for the course.
 4. If the appeal is denied, the student is passing the course ($\geq 60\%$) before the exam, and receives an exam score between 60% and 76%, credit is earned for the course, yet a 0.00 G.P.A. is applied to the student's record.
 5. If the appeal is denied, the student is failing the course ($< 60\%$) before the exam, yet earns a 77% or higher on the exam, then the student earns credit for the course, but receives a 0.00 G.P.A. for the course.
 6. Student who passes overall course ($\geq 60\%$) the class and DOES NOT appeal, or the student's appeal was denied, receive an "F". The student earns credit for the course, but receives a 0.00 G.P.A. for the course.

A parent may appeal the committee's decision to the high school principal, the superintendent, and finally the school board. The deadline to appeal the decision to the building principal will be listed on the appeal paperwork that can be picked up in the main office. Students who fail to earn credit in an academic semester due to attendance may regain credit by successfully completing summer school or credit recovery.