

Mission Statement

To improve attendance and impact the academic success of students by creating positive relationships with parents and students, encouraging attendance, and enforcing the compulsory attendance laws of the State of Texas.

Parents—Legal Guardians—Students

NEED TO: check on attendance, class grades, assignments, etc... Log on to: www.abileneisd.org

Then click on **A+FrontRunner** in the top right corner. You will need the Student's ID# and Pin# to access this file.

*It's the Law— BE IN SCHOOL!

What happens if I don't attend school?

Students and/or parents **shall** be issued a citation which carries a fine of up to \$500 per day, if you have more than 10 unexcused absences within a 6-month period.

**Education
IS EVERY
child's
KEY TO FUTURE
SUCCESSSES.**

If your child is ABSENT from school, you must contact the Attendance Office.

We will make every effort to contact you if there is an undocumented absence during the school day. This could possibly be done by the AISD automated call out system or someone from the attendance staff. If there is ever a question about your child's attendance, contact us immediately.

CAMPUS PHONE NUMBERS AUSTIN ELEMENTARY

Campus Phone 690-3920

Attendance —Press 1—

Darla Lorenz

Or you may e-mail:

darla.lorenz@abileneisd.org

Counselors' Office —Press 2—

Lindsay Smith-Counselor

Nurse's Office— Press 3—

Kristen Riches, RN

Attendance Officer

Tom Enloe 677-1444 ext.2282

**Remember—
The key is Communication.**

Abilene ISD 2014-2015 Attendance Brochure

Attendance,
is not a choice.
It's the
LAW
and your
FUTURE!



Copia en español en la oficina de la escuela
Every child counts in Abilene ISD

Austin Elementary
2341 Greenbriar
690-3920 Fax 794-1350
Carla Garrett, Principal

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE BROCHURE

This guide is to inform you about the laws regarding school attendance. As parents and legal guardians, you have the responsibility of getting your children to school every day, on time, and ready to learn. Regular school attendance is essential for a student to make the most of his/her education. In order to benefit from teacher-led/school activities, and to gain maximum benefit, regular and punctual attendance is necessary. Absences from class may result in serious disruption of a student's mastery of instructional materials. Students and parents should make every effort to avoid unnecessary absences.

Texas law states that students enrolled in school are required to attend school.

The Student Code of Conduct, pages 4-5, describes specific laws and policies regarding attendance and excused absences. This can be found on-line at www.abileneisd.org.

In order for a student to receive credit for a class, he/she by law must attend at least 90 percent of the days the class is offered.

Keep in mind, our ultimate goal is to have children at School so they can learn.

Carla Garrett
Principal

What time does school start and when does it end?



Breakfast is served from 7:15 to 7:45A.M. Elementary School begins at 7:50A.M. Your child must be in the classroom before the tardy bell rings at 8:00A.M. and

remain at school until the dismissal bell rings at 3:00P.M. If students arrive at school after the tardy bell, they are considered late and must go to the office to get a tardy pass **before** going to class. Students must be picked up in a timely manner after school ends.

Tardiness/Partial Day Absences

A student who is not in class at the designated start time will be considered tardy but after 15 minutes they are considered absent for that particular class. Partial day absences are absences from school or class due to late arrival at school/class or early departure from school/class. Excessive partial day absences (Tardies) are a violation of the compulsory attendance law.

Consequences of Violating the Compulsory Attendance Law

School officials may file on a student and/or parent in Municipal or Justice of the Peace Court if the student: has unexcused/undocumented absences on ten (10) or more days or parts of days within a six-month period in the same school year, OR, has unexcused/undocumented absences on three (3) or more days or parts of days within a four-week period in the same school year.

NEED HELP?

For HELP: If you are having problems getting your child to attend school, please feel free to contact the Attendance Officers.

Absences

Be sure to contact your campus attendance office every day when your child is out of school. If they have a fever, diarrhea, or vomiting they may not come to school. If you have any question about sending your child to school, you can always bring your child to the campus nurse. The nurse can determine if the child is able to remain at school or return home. When returning to school after an absence, a student must bring a note signed by the parent that describes the reason for the absence. Verification (medical documentation) of any illness may be required if the student's absences are more than 3 to 5 consecutive days or if the reason given is suspect.

REMEMBER to BRING your medical documentation when you return to school.

REMINDER—ALL ABSENCES, both excused/documented and unexcused/undocumented, count against the 90% attendance rule and for exemption purposes.

Absences that are considered excused/documented include but are not limited to: personal sickness, family emergency, documented juvenile court proceeding, Board approved extra curricular activity, or approved college visitation.

Absences that are considered unexcused/undocumented include but are not limited to: non-school related vacations and trips, babysitting, working, and non-school sponsored athletic events and programs.