



Austintown Local School District

### Changes in Student Attendance Law for 2018-2019

With the passing of Ohio House Bill (HB) 410, there are several changes that parents and guardians need to be aware of.

- Handwritten parent notes will no longer be accepted in the Austintown Local Schools.
  - Official documentation from a medical provider or other expert within the allowable categories will be considered.
- Students will be tracked by “hours” missed from school, not “School days.”
- A student is considered “**habitually truant**” if he/she is absent without legitimate excuse (unexcused absence) for...
  - 30 or more *consecutive* hours OR
  - 42 or more hours in one school month OR
  - 72 or more hours in a school year
- A student is considered “**excessively absent**” if he/she is absent **with OR without** a legitimate excuse for...
  - 38 or more hours in one school month OR
  - 65 or more hours in one school year.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Early excusals and tardies to school are considered “Hours” toward absences.

- The amount of missed time due to tardiness and early excusals will contribute to total absence hours, which could potentially cause a student to meet the “excessive absence” and/or “habitually truant” thresholds.
- You will receive written notification when the first threshold has been met.

**See Section 4 of the Student Handbook for more details.**