

Grace Academy Cyber School Attendance

Unexcused Absences and/or Truancy

Lawful absences are defined by Georgia Law as follows: Illness; death in the family; religious holiday; instances which attendance could be hazardous; service as a Page in a legislature. Georgia law provides up to five (5) days excused absences for students whose parents are in the armed forces who are called to duty or home on leave from overseas deployment in a combat zone.

Note: State Law

State law Indicates that any parent/guardian who does not comply with compulsory attendance mandates (O.C.G.A. 20-2-690.1[a]) shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine not less than \$25.00 and not greater than \$100.00, imprisonment not to exceed 30 days, community service, or any combination of such penalties, at the discretion of the court having jurisdiction. Each day's absence from school in violation of this part after the child's school system notifies the parent/guardian of five unexcused days of absence shall constitute a separate offense (O.C.G.A. 20-2-690.1 [c]).

State law also requires un-emancipated minors 16-17 years of age to have written permission from their parent or guardian to drop out of school.

The following apply to all unexcused absences

Number of Unexcused Absences	School Action Per Occurrence
1-2	School notifies the parent
3-5	Letter sent to parent/guardian informing him/her of the student's absences and the administrative and legal consequences of continued absence from school.
6-10	Letter sent to parent/guardian informing him/her of the student's absences and the administrative and legal consequences of continued absence from school.
11+	Program Director will make a referral to the parent /guardian and student for assessment and/or possible referral to Juvenile Court, DFACS, or other agency. The student MAY be withdrawal from Grace Academy.

Chronic Tardiness: Repeatedly late/early departure to/from school - 5 tardies = 1 absence

*Students arriving after 11:00 a.m. will be marked absent for the day