

# Attendance

The following are helpful points to remember when considering school attendance.

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If the student is 13 years old or younger, the school must refer the family to the Child and Family Services Agency after **twenty unexcused absences** or when educational neglect is suspected.

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If the student is 13 years old or older, the school must refer the family to the Superior Court and the Office of the Attorney General after **25 unexcused absences**.

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After **five unexcused absences in a grading period**, the school based support team **MUST** meet within 4 days to develop an intervention plan.

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If the student is 13 years old or younger, the school must refer the family to the Child and Family Services Agency and conduct immediate intervention to address the student's needs after **ten consecutive unexcused absences**.

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After **one unexcused absence**, the school **MUST** make personal contact with the parent or guardian.

**2**

After five unexcused absences, the school **MUST** notify the parent or guardian within **two days**.

For more information, visit <https://attendance.dc.gov/>.

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