

ATTENDANCE

There is a direct correlation between academic performance and student attendance. Chronic tardiness, early checkouts from school and truancy are not acceptable behaviors. Upon returning to school after being absent, students must bring a note from home explaining the absence. Notes must be received within 5 days of the absence. Students must attend at least one-half of the academic day to be counted present. Students checking in before 12:30 will be considered present.

It is vitally important that parents make every effort to have their children attend school and avoid all absences that are not absolutely necessary. The State of Georgia allows only five days absence before the school is penalized. We appreciate your diligence to insure your child is in school each and every day.

FMS Attendance Policy and Consequences

2 consecutive days • Teacher contact with parent/guardian

3 days absent • Counselor contact with parent/guardian

5th unexcused absence • Attendance letter sent home • Parent meeting

7th unexcused absence • Doctor's note required for additional absences • A social work referral initiated

10th unexcused absence • Attendance letter sent home • Saturday School assigned with administrative contact