

Waterford School District
Attendance

Chronic Absenteeism

10% or more of the days enrolled

$\text{Days Possible} - \text{Days Attended} = \text{Days Absent}$

$\text{Days Absent} / \text{Days Possible} = \text{Percent}$

ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...



PRESCHOOLERS
build skills and develop
good habits for showing
up on time



**ELEMENTARY
STUDENTS**
read well by the
end of third grade



HIGH SCHOOLERS
stay on track for
graduation



**COLLEGE
STUDENTS**
earn their degrees



WORKERS
succeed in
their jobs

Too many absences—excused or unexcused—can keep students from succeeding in school and in life. How many are too many? 10% of the school year—that's 18 missed days or 2 days a month—can knock students off track.



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Michigan Schools – All Student
2016-2017

15.4% of students were chronically absent.

All Students – All Schools

10% of Waterford Students were chronically absent in the 2017-2018 school year.

Combined High Schools 18%

Combined Middle Schools 7%

Combined Elementary Schools 3%

The law in Michigan governing compulsory attendance requires a parent, legal guardian, or other person having control or charge of a child age six to sixteen to send the child to school during the entire school year, except under the limited circumstances specified in subsection (3) of section 380.1561.

Many of our Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten students are under six. Many of our High School Juniors and Seniors are already sixteen

Waterford Guidelines

- Phone call made home after 5 absences
- Letter sent home after 7 absences.
- Contact made when student is between 10 – 15 absences
 - Review reasons for absence
 - Make a plan to help family
 - Referral to Waterford Success Program
 - Review and repeat
- After 20 absences, referral to Oakland County Truancy Program to begin court process.

Exempt - Documentation

- A physician, dentist, orthodontist or therapist appointment
- Illness – not able to attend school
- Attendance at the funeral of a close family member.
- A religious holiday
- Student participation in a legal hearing.
- Out of school suspension

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ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

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MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

pass important courses



HIGH SCHOOLERS

stay on track for graduation



COLLEGE STUDENTS

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