

# Pittsburgh Arlington Attendance Policy

*Per PPS district policy:*

- Students are considered truant after 3 unexcused absences
- Absences may be marked as excused if a guardian or physician notifies the school in writing within 3 days of the student returning to school
- Students are allowed 10 excused absences per school year for any of the following reasons:
  1. Illness, including if a student is dismissed by designated district staff during school hours for health-related reasons
  2. Obtaining professional health care or therapy service rendered by a licensed practitioner of the healing arts in any state, commonwealth or territory.
  3. Quarantine
  4. Family emergency
  5. Recovery from accident
  6. Required court attendance
  7. Death in family
  8. Participation in a project sponsored by a statewide or countywide 4-H, FFA or combined 4-H and FFA group, upon prior written request
  9. Observance of a religious holiday observed by bona fide religious group, upon parental request
  10. College or postsecondary institution visit, with prior approval
  11. Other urgent reasons which may include circumstances related to homelessness and foster care. Urgent reasons shall be strictly construed and do not permit irregular attendance
- Additional absences following the 10<sup>th</sup> excused absence will only be considered excused if a physician note is received by the school within 3 days of the student returning to school
- Students are considered habitually truant after 6 unexcused absences, at which point a truancy citation may be issued