

# Logan County Schools

West Virginia Code: 18-8-1A

Compulsory school attendance begins with the school year in which the sixth birthday is reached prior to July 1 of such year or upon enrolling in a full-time public funded kindergarten program, and continues to the 17th birthday or as long as the student continues to be enrolled in a school system after the 17th birthday.

## Why Attendance Matters

Starting in Kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school, making it more difficult to learn to read.

Chronic absenteeism - missing more than 10% (18) of school days, for any reason including excused, unexcused and suspensions, can translate into 3rd graders unable to master reading, 6th graders failing subjects and high school students dropping out of school.

[attendanceworks.org](http://attendanceworks.org)

## 2022-2023 School Calendar

August 25	First Day for Students
September 5	No School Labor Day
September 27	Progress Reports
September 30	No School for Students
October 4	Parent Teacher Conference (3 hour delay)
October 27	End of 1st Grading Period
October 31	No School for Students
November 3	Report Cards
November 8	No School Election Day
November 11	No School Veterans Day
November 21-25	Thanksgiving Break
December 13	Progress Reports
December 21	No School for Students
December 22-30	Christmas Break
January 4	Students return from Break
January 16	No School MLK Day
January 23	End of 2nd Grading Period
January 30	Report Cards
February 13	No School for Students
February 14	No School for Students
February 28	Progress Reports
March 3	Parent Teacher Conference (3 hour delay)
April 3-7	Spring Break
April 10	No School for Students
April 12	Report Cards
May 9	Progress Reports
May 29	No School Memorial Day
June 2	Graduations
June 8	Last Day for Students

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## Attendance

### Policies

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### Procedures



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# SCHOOL

## Attendance

### Absence is Excusable for Special Reasons

West Virginia Board of Education Policy 4110 and Logan County Schools permit students to be excused from school for:

1. Failure of the bus to run.
2. School approved activity.
3. Illness or injury of student requiring a physician's verification.
4. Illness of student or immediate family member with parent note.
5. Serious illness or death in the immediate family of the student.
6. Calamity, such as a fire in the home, flood, or family emergency.
7. Approved educational leave.
8. Legal obligation with verification.
9. Observance of a religious holiday.
10. Contagious parasite disease such as lice (2 days per incident).

### Tardy Policy

Tardiness is defined as "an entry to school or class after the designated starting time."

Students who leave prior to the end of the school day will be counted as an early dismissal, which is the same as being tardy.

### A Note is Required When a Student Returns to School

When a student has been absent from school for any reason, a written note from home or a doctor's excuse **MUST** be submitted to the school within **THREE** instructional days of returning from absence.

**Parents /Guardians are permitted ten (10) parent notes per year for their student.**

**Any notes after ten are considered unexcused absences.**

**The note MUST include:**

- **Student Name**
- **Date(s) of Absences**
- **Reason for Absence**
- **Signature of Parent/Guardian**

### Proof of Enrollment No Longer Required to Obtain a Driver's License

House Bill 4535 removed the requirements for attendance and satisfactory academic progress as a condition of initial driver's licensing,, however, student licenses may still be restricted.

### Reasons for Driver's License Restriction

If a student's license is restricted, the individual will only be permitted to drive for work, medical purposes, or educational or religious pursuits. Restrictions can occur for the following reasons:

1. A student at least 15 but less than 17 years of age fails to maintain academic progress, which is defined as attaining and maintaining grades sufficient to allow for graduation in five years or by the age of 19, whichever is earlier.
2. A student at least 15 but less than 17 years of age acquires 10 consecutive or 15 total days of unexcused absences.
3. A student at least 15 but less than 17 years of age is suspended due to an offense listed in 18-5-1a.

### Failure to Comply with School Attendance Laws

Per WV Board of Education Policy 4110 and WV Code 18-8-4, any child, including 18 year s old, who have been absent from school in excess of ten days without valid documentation, are considered truant.

Petitions to the Logan County Circuit Court and Magistrate Court may be made on any student and/or parent/guardian with student absences over 10 unexcused days.

# Written Excuse

Student's Name:

WVEIS #:

Grade:

Date(s) of Absence:

Reason for Absence:

Parent / Guardian Signature:

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