



BELLE VERNON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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UNEXCUSED ABSENCES:

STUDENTS AGE 15 OR OLDER AND/OR GRADES 7-12:

Below is a quick overview of the consequences of Unexcused Absences for students age 15 or older, per the *new* Pennsylvania State Regulations as outlined in BVASD Policy #204 – Attendance.

THREE UNEXCUSED OR UNLAWFUL ABSENCES

3 A third notice of unlawful absence will be delivered to the student, parent/guardian's residence by the Truant Officer, along with an invitation to attend the School Attendance Improvement Conference (SAIC).

A school/family conference will be held to discuss the truancy and a School Attendance Improvement Plan (SAIP) will be established.

SIX UNEXCUSED OR UNLAWFUL ABSENCES

A final notice of unlawful absence will be sent to the child's parent/guardian from the School and a referral will be made to a Community-Based Attendance Improvement Program.

6 The School will file a citation with Magisterial District Judge against the parent/guardian in parental relation in the same household as the child.

Once the Student is chronically absent (10+ unexcused absences), the School shall refer the Student to Westmoreland or Fayette County's Youth Agencies only if the Student continues to incur additional absences after being referred to SAP Liaison and the Student and parent/guardian refuse to follow the recommended plan from the SAIC.

MORE THAN SIX UNEXCUSED OR UNLAWFUL ABSENCES

7 Students lose privileges for 30 calendar days at 7 Unexcused or Unlawful Absences.

10 Students lose all privileges for the year at 10 Unexcused Absences or Unlawful Absences.

Privileges include the following: Field Trips, Dances, Prom, Relay for Life, Assemblies, etc.

ATHLETES: Any student-athlete that accumulates 20 or more absences in a semester, will be ineligible for any extracurricular sport for 45 days from the last day of absence. NOTE: This policy applies from year to year.

A MEDICAL NOTE IS NEEDED ON THE 11TH EXCUSED/UNEXCUSED ABSENCE AND BEYOND.