



Student Affairs Office Frequently Asked Attendance Questions

1. Why did I get a truant phone call when my son/daughter was at school but they were just late? If a student arrives to school later than 9:00 a.m. it is considered an absence. If we don't hear from a parent as to why they are late the absence is considered truant until we receive a parent call/note.

2. Why is my son/daughter not allowed to make up their missed work when I did call and sent in a note about their absence? Any absence past the six days per semester requires a verification note (e.g., doctor, dental, funeral, court, etc.) in order for the absence to be considered excused.

3. Does my son/daughter have to attend Penta when their member school is not in session? This depends on the reason your member school is out of session. Students are required to follow Penta's school calendar for all holidays, breaks and teacher in-service days. The ONLY reason students would stay home while Penta is in session is if your member school closes due to inclement weather.

4. How does my son/daughter get to Penta if their member school is not in session? The member schools provide a bus to Penta even when they are not in session. The majority of the member schools will only provide a bus from the high school or will notify you if they have pick up locations. It is always best to check with your member school's transportation department.

5. Why was my son/daughter marked absent when they left school at 2:00 p.m. for a doctor's appointment? If students leave school between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. it is considered a half-day absence. Please try to schedule appointments as late in the day as possible.

6. Do I have to go to my member school's pep assembly? When students leave Penta to attend assemblies, they must go to the Student Affairs Office to sign out and then they must sign in at the member school. If students choose not to attend the assembly, they are expected to stay at Penta and provide their own ride home from Penta at the end of the school day.

7. My son/daughter's member school was on a two hour weather delay or their bus was delayed and I received a truant call? When a two hour weather delay occurs at the member school, students are required to report to Penta and be in class at the appropriate delay time based on Penta's 8:15 a.m. start time. When they arrive on campus, they are required to sign in either in the Commons or in the Student Affairs Office. Since the Penta school day begins at 8:15 a.m. and attendance is taken at that time, students arriving from a two hour weather delay or a bus delay must sign in first and then they are removed from the truant list.