

ATTENDANCE

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) requires that attendance is tracked for all students, regardless of the mode of learning. If there is no evidence of engagement or participation by the student in a remote learning activity, the student will be recorded with an absence for the hours of that remote learning activity. Attendance will be tracked through multiple approaches for in-school activities, teacher-led remote learning, and self-directed remote learning.

Attendance policies regarding absence reasons and reporting policies in PPA's Student Handbook will continue to be enforced, along with the additional COVID Attendance Policies. Additional COVID policies are accepted.

Additional Excuses Accepted for Attendance are as follows:

- Temporary internet outage for individual students or households
- Unexpected technical difficulties for individual students or households, such as password resets or software upgrades occurring at inopportune times, such as during a teacher-led remote learning lesson
- Student absence due to COVID until alternative arrangements can be made
- Medically Excused Absences will be accepted for students participating both in-person and remotely. A student's absences from school can be excused a maximum of 10 instances per school year by a parent/guardian note. This policy will be extended beyond 10 days, if the student or someone in the student's family is in quarantine due to COVID or experiencing symptoms of COVID. The school nurse must be notified if a student has tested positive for COVID.

Absences are considered unexcused unless accompanied by a medical excuse or parent note (Email, Handwritten Note, or School Pass entry) for one of the excused absences in the PPA Handbook or COVID Handbook. Parents will need to provide any medical excuses per guidelines or have completed a Request for Absence for any planned absence days (according to PPA Handbook policies).

The student will receive an unexcused absence when:

- A student does not participate in the learning activities for the day or
- A student has not checked in with the teacher, or
- When the student's parent does not contact the teacher or school or
- When a student's Request for Absence is not on file or been approved by their administrator or
- When a medical excuse for the student has not been received and approved by the school in a timely manner as stated above or
- When an absence does not follow regular PPA Handbook approved absences.

Patriot Preparatory Academy (PPA) will continue to follow the Ohio Revised Code 3314.03(A)(6)(b) for truancy.