

YLA REVISED ATTENDANCE POLICY (Revised by YLA Board at June 2021 Meeting)

- Students are expected to attend school regularly. Parents are responsible for having their children in school.
- Students must be in school more than half the day (four class periods) to be counted present.
- Vacations are counted as unexcused absences even if you notify YLA ahead of time; ***this policy is from the South Carolina Department of Education.***

Chronic Absenteeism Policy

- The first five absences can be a combination of excused or unexcused (vacation, parent note, etc). If a student must be absent, s/he should bring a written excuse the first day s/he is back at school. Any student who fails to bring a valid excuse to school within three days automatically receives an unexcused absence.
- At **five unexcused or three consecutive unexcused absences**, the student and parent will be sent an attendance contract from the principal. At this point, medical excuses should be provided for any further absences. Excused absences with a doctor's note do not affect truancy.
- At **ten unexcused absences**, students will be considered truant and receive a letter from the board stating that a board hearing will be held if the student is absent three more times without medical excuse.
 - If **three additional non-medically excused absences** occur after the board letter was issued, the parent will state the defense of the absences at a board hearing. A board vote will determine whether the student will be allowed to continue enrollment at YLA or be required to enroll at his/her home zoned school. A majority vote will be the final decision and effective immediately.

My signature signifies that I have received and understand the Revised Attendance Policy.

Student Name (Please Print)

Parent Name (Please Print)

Parent Signature