

Greetings Workforce Academy Parents and Guardians!

Our administrative team had a meeting with the OCPS Attendance liaison today. Workforce wanted clarification on the Florida Compulsory School Attendance law. These are the findings from that meeting. Absences are no longer based on school days missed, but now on classes missed. For example, if a student misses 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> period that equals two absences. If a student misses a day of classes, that would be six absences. Now in the Skyward system after 5 absences, that's 5 classes, a letter will be generated warning the parent/guardian of truancy consequences. This is why excused notes are so important. These absences can add up quickly. Especially now since: excessive tardy, early departures from campus, out of area (skipping) will now be considered unexcused absences. Too many missed classes could lead to meetings with an Attendance Child Study Team concerning truancy proceedings. If you need further explanation of the truancy policy please feel free to contact the school at 407-898-7228.