

## **Student Attendance Rule**

(Initiated July 8, 2004 at the Gwinnett County Board of Education Meeting)

### **Excused Absences:**

1. Personal illness or attendance in school which endangers a student's health or the health of others.
2. A serious illness or death in a student's immediate family necessitating absence from school.
  - In the event of a serious illness in a student's immediate family, the Gwinnett County Board of Education requires students to present appropriate medical documentation regarding the family member upon return to school for the purpose of validating that the absence is an excused absence.
3. A court order by a governmental agency, mandating absence from school.
4. Observance of religious holidays, necessitating absence from school.
5. Conditions rendering attendance impossible or hazardous to student health and safety.  
Example: house fire, tree in driveway, gas leak

\*\* Any absences other than the reasons listed above constitute an unexcused absence and will be handled according to the Gwinnett County Public Schools attendance protocol. In an effort to comply with the mandated protocol, all teachers will be required to call students after they have been absent for two days.