

8:00) should report immediately to the cafeteria. If students fail to abide by school rules during this time, they may be excused from the cafeteria until 8:00. It is also expected by the school that middle schoolers who are dropped off before 8:00 will enter the building directly.

Attendance Policy

The Best Ability is Availability!

Students are expected to be in school and on time every day. CCCS has a legal obligation to ensure that all students attend school every day.

Pennsylvania's Compulsory School Attendance Law mandates that all children under the age of 17 attend school once enrolled. Every parent/guardian of a school-aged child is responsible for the child's attendance at school. Failure of a child to attend school has certain legal consequences for parents and, possibly, for the student.

In Pennsylvania, truancy is defined as when a child of compulsory school age is absent from school for three (3) or more days without a valid excuse. Absences without a valid excuse are considered "illegal" absences. If a child is found to be truant, their parent/guardian can be convicted and incarcerated for the crimes of Corrupting the Morals of a Minor and/or Endangering the Welfare of a Child. Students aged 15 and over are held responsible by the courts for truancy and could face fines up to \$750.00, assignment to community service, and/or participation in a program designed to improve attendance.

Absence Notification

The parent/guardian must call the school no later than 8:00 a.m. if a student is sick and unable to attend school. CCCS will notify the parent/guardian if the phone call was not received by the designated time.

Absent – "Excused – Parent Note"

Parents/guardians are required to submit written notification of the reason(s) for a student's absence ***within three (3) calendar days of the absence***. The absence will be counted as "excused" as long as the written note is provided during this three (3) day period. Administration reserves the right to approve a parent note written for the absence. CCCS does not allow more than three (3) parent notes to be accepted for excused absences per year; for any absences beyond the third parental notification, a physician's note is required.

Absent – "Excused"

CCCS may excuse student absences under certain circumstances, as long as original documentation is provided. Those circumstances only include emergency (non-routine)