



Bailey Middle School Attendance Policy (2025-2026)

Being present and on time for school is a daily expectation for all Bailey students, as well as a good habit students need to acquire in preparation for high school, college, and their career. Attendance is compulsory by the State of North Carolina pursuant to the General Statutes Section 115c-378. In addition, being absent for all or part of the day can impact students' academic performance as well as their social and emotional well-being. **Excused absences and tardies include:** sickness (quarantine), bereavement, school visits, court, and medical or dental appointments. Automated phone calls are made for **excused and unexcused absences daily.**

Daily Absence Procedures:

- Use the Bailey attendance link on our website to report an absence or contact the front office within 24 hours. Parent emails, written notes, and/or phone calls are acceptable forms of communication.
- Course materials and assignments are available in Canvas for your student to access 24/7. Please note that completing work in Canvas does not excuse a student's absence and your student is highly encouraged to attend working lunch upon their return to help them catch up on missed instruction.

Chronic Absences: The following procedures will be utilized to address chronic absences:

- 3+ Absences – Official attendance letter mailed home
- 4 - 5 Absences – Personal call from Counselor or Admin with a follow-up email
- 6 - 10 Absences – All of the above PLUS a home visit to discuss an absence reduction plan
- 10 + Absences – All of the above PLUS Possible referral to DSS or Local Law Enforcement

Tardy Policy & Procedures: Students are considered tardy if they arrive after 9:15 a.m. When tardy, students must sign-in at the front office, receive a tardy slip, and report directly to class. Excused/medical tardies are exempt from the policy listed below. Also, breakfast may not be available after 9:15 am.

Unexcused Tardies will result in the following consequences

- Tardy # 1 – Verbal reminder from front office and one signature
- Tardy #2 – Parent contacted and two signatures
- Tardy #3 – One day of After School Detention (4:15-5:15 pm)
- Tardy # 4 – Two days of After School Detention (4:15-5:15 pm)
- Tardy # 5 – Full day of ISS (In School Suspension)
- Tardy # 6 and Beyond – Specialized Plan and Parent Conference

*Please remember that ASD takes place on Tuesday and Thursday each week. Students assigned to ASD cannot participate in any Bailey extracurricular activity on the day assigned to ASD.

Please note that signing via electronic signature on the Student Emergency Contact Form acknowledges that you have read and understand the Bailey Attendance & Tardy Policy.