



Lincoln County Schools

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The 2017-2018 school year looks to be another exciting time for the students of Lincoln County. I would like to encourage every student to be in school each day. Research has shown that good attendance at school leads to improved academic achievement and successful career opportunities.

The attendance law in West Virginia has changed beginning with the 2017-2018 school year and I wanted to make you aware of the following changes:

1. All documentation (excuses) relating to absences shall be provided to the school no later than **three (3)** instructional days after the first day the student returns to school.
2. In the case of **five (5)** total unexcused absences, the attendance director or assistant shall serve written notice to the parent, guardian or custodian of the student that within **five (5)** days of receipt of the notice the parent, guardian or custodian, accompanied by the student, shall report in person to the school the student attends for a conference with the principal, administrative head or other chief administrator of the school in order to discuss and correct the circumstances causing the unexcused absences of the student, including the adjustment of unexcused absences based on the meeting.
3. In the case of **ten (10)** total unexcused absences of a student during a school year, the attendance director or assistant may make a complaint against the parent, guardian or custodian before a magistrate of the county.

Have a great year!

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