

School Attendance The Facts:

- Academic Success
- Preparation For A Productive Life
- Teaches Independence
- Builds Decision-Making Skills
- Creates Job Opportunities
- Encourages Lifetime Learning Through Higher Education
- Builds Communication Skills
- Recognition Of Talents

Governor Thomas Johnson Feeder District

Gov. T. Johnson High	240-236-8200
Gov. T. Johnson Middle	240-236-4900
Lewistown Elementary	240-236-3750
Monocacy Elementary	240-236-1400
Monocacy Middle	240-236-4700
North Frederick Elementary	240-236-2000
Oakdale Elementary	240-236-3300
Oakdale Middle School	240-236-5500
Spring Ridge Elementary	240-236-1600
Waverley Elementary	240-236-3900
Yellow Springs Elementary	240-236-1700

Linganore Feeder District

Gov. T. Johnson High	240-236-8200
Gov. T. Johnson Middle	240-236-4900
Lewistown Elementary	240-236-3750
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Where Might You Get Help?

Frederick County Public School

Consider phoning your child's school:

School Counselor: # below

- School Phobia
- Social Anxiety

School Health Office: # below

- Health Concerns
- Immunizations

Pupil Personnel Worker: 301-644-5242

- Attendance Concerns
- FCPS policies and procedures

School Psychologist: 240-236-1833

- School Phobia
- Social Anxiety

**CASS Coordinator: 240-236-5512
(Community Agency School Services)**

- Family Assistance
- Mental Health Assistance

Frederick County Community
Resources

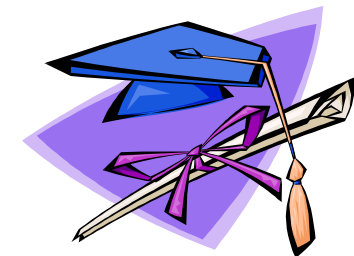
Health Department: 301-694-1029

Mental Health Services: 301-694-1755

**Department of Juvenile Services:
240-629-3030**

Oakdale
Elementary

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It's The LAW

Absences that may be excused

Schools may excuse students for a variety of reasons. Absences which may be excused include:

FCPS Reg. No. 400-7 COMAR 13A.08.03

- Death in the immediate family
- Illness of child – principal shall require medical note if continually absent
- Doctor's Note
- Court Summons
- Religious Observance
- Suspension



Attendance Matters !!

Absences that will not be excused

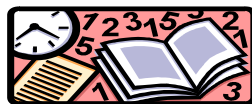
- Indifference of parents
- Uncertified Illness
- Truancy
- Vacation over 5 days
- Babysitting

For more information visit www.fcps.org

WHAT MAY HAPPEN IF YOUR CHILD HAS HABITUAL UNEXCUSED ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL?

FCPS REG. NO. 500-25

- CONFERENCE WITH PARENT
- STUDENT CONTRACT
- DETENTION
- REMOVAL FROM SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
- RESTRICTION OF EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
- IN SCHOOL SUSPENSION
- PUPIL PERSONNEL REFERRAL
- RETENTION/LOSS OF CREDIT
- ACTION FROM STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
- STUDENT REFERRAL TO DJS



Maryland's Compulsory Attendance Law COMAR 7-301

(Code of Maryland Regulations)

Duty of the parent/guardian-

Each person who has under his/her control, a child who is 5 -16 years old shall see that the child attends school or receives instruction as required by COMAR.

Penalties-

Any person who has control over a child who is 5-16 years old, and fails to see that the child attends school or receives instruction, under COMAR, is guilty of a misdemeanor. On conviction the person is subject to a fine not to exceed \$50 per day of unlawful absence or imprisonment not to exceed 10 days, or both.

