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ATTENDANCE FAQ

1. What is JFK's attendance policy? How many class periods can a student miss and still maintain 93% attendance?

At John F Kennedy High School and in Denver Public Schools, students are expected to maintain:

- Higher than 93% attendance
- Less than 3% tardies

Over the course of the school year this equates to a student attending 162.5/174.5 school days (or missing fewer than 100 class periods).

2. I believe or a student/parent believes that the student's point total is incorrect. What should I do?

Points are updated weekly. Check back at the end of the week and if there is still a discrepancy, please review each tab with the student and determine where points might be missing. Tutoring points are input by Alex Williams, Future Center points are input by Emily Weiss and Ambria Merriex, and all other points are input by Claire Palius. Please reach out to the respective contact to discuss any discrepancies.

3. How can a student earn attendance points?

Students can earn attendance points in the following ways:

1 Attendance Point:

Per one hour with City Year Tutoring. Tutoring is held Monday–Thursday 3:00–4:00 in the library. A parent permission form must be signed in order for students to attend.

Per one office hour with a teacher. Student must sign up as each teacher has different office hours.

Per one hour in the Future Center.

Students can work during lunch, after-school, or during off-periods.

2 Attendance Points:

Per one Saturday school from 8:30–10:00 am. Students must sign up for Saturday school with Gunnar Fulcomer in room 309A prior to attending.



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4. When I/student/parent look at IC/student portal/parent portal, the student's percentage does not reflect the additional attendance points. Why is this?

We legally cannot change information in IC, student portal, or parent portal. Therefore, a student/parent will NEVER be able to see their adjusted attendance percentage. They must ask their advisory teacher, admin, or social worker, Claire Paius, to add their additional attendance points to their current attendance percentage to find their accurate adjusted attendance percentage.

5. A parent/student believes their attendance percentage is incorrect because they have called in to excuse their student's absences. How do I respond?

Both excused and unexcused absences impact a student's attendance percentage. If a student is absent from school, whether excused or unexcused, more than 15 days total in a school year, that student will not be meeting John F Kennedy High School attendance expectations. JFK's attendance policies are listed on our website for reference under the About tab, the School Policies Tab, Attendance Policies

6. A parent wants to change a student's unexcused absences to excused. What do I do?

Per the JFK attendance policy, "please excuse your student by calling the attendance line within 24 hours of the absence."