

ATTENDANCE/ABSENCES

In order to meet the state's requirements, student must complete the following minimum hours of schooling each week: Grades Kindergarten-3: 4 hours per day, 20 hours per week, 720 hours per year; Grades 4-8: 5 hours per day, 25 hours per week, 900 hours per year.

Florida Statute 232.09

“By law students must attend a minimum of 80% of the school days in order to be promoted to the next grade level. Florida Statute 232.09 established that the parent/legal guardian of a child of compulsory school age is responsible for the child's daily school attendance. School, staff, parents, students and appropriate state agencies are expected to work collaboratively to ensure that all applicable school attendance laws are obeyed, including referral to the designated state agency for possible court action for truancy.”

In accordance with the state policy above, students must be in school unless the absence has been excused for any of the reasons listed below. Absences must be reported either the day before, the day of, or the day following an absence.

Unreported absences shall be considered unexcused. Excused absences include but are not limited to:

- Illness of student or immediate family member
- Death in the family
- Required court appearances
- Special events (need permission from the school)
- Doctor or dental appointment (must bring in proof of visit, e.g., a receipt or note from the doctor or dentist)

In order for Alazhar to provide your child (ren) with a quality education, prompt arrival and regular attendance are mandatory. Unless a student is ill, it is important to be in school every day. Irregular attendance is the most frequent cause of learning loss. Schoolwork depends upon interactive learning and discussion and it is difficult to recreate the content and context of a missed class.

Students are expected to attend a full day of school every day. All class work and schoolwork must be made up by the student within 3 days of returning to school, unless special arrangements have been made with the subject specialist teacher. It is also the student's responsibility to approach his/her teacher for missed work on the day when s/he returns to school. In grades 4-8, a missed assignment may result in the student receiving a zero. After any absence, all students must bring in a written explanation in order for it to be considered an excused absence. If a student is ill and misses 3 or more consecutive days of school, a note from the physician will be necessary.