#### Attendance:

Attending school is a key element for your student's success. By attending school daily, your student optimizes the benefits of education in an in-person environment to be able to excel in academic performance.

## **Reporting Attendance:**

To report an absence or if you have questions or concerns regarding your child's attendance, please send an email to: **WMS.attendance@hayscisd.net** 

\*\*\*\* **WE DO NOT** accept phone calls or voicemail messages as documentation for a student's absence.

#### **Excuse Notes:**

The reason for an excused absence must be stated in writing and be signed by the parent/ guardian of the student or a school official. The written excuse must be received by the school within three days after the absence or tardy.

The student is in violation of the Compulsory Attendance Law if a student fails to attend school on 10 or more days or parts of days within a six-month period in the same school year without a valid excuse (unexcused absences) as stated by district or state policies.

### Attendance Q & A

When a student is absent what information do I need to put on their absence note?

Student's First and Last Name

ID#

Date(s) of absence

Reason for absence

Parent contact phone number

Parent signature (or electronic signature if sent by email).

Documentation needs to be submitted within 3 days of the absence.

You can email your note to: WMS.attendance@hayscisd.net

# What is the process of checking a student out?

A Parent/Guardian or an authorized adult is required to come into the office and check out the student(s) in person. A parent/guardian can give authorization for another adult to check out a student. This authorization is normally provided during the student's registration. The person checking out the student must be listed as a person who has authorization to check out the student and must present a valid state-issued identification card at the time of checkout. The student will not be called out of class until the person checking out the student has arrived.

## What if I need someone to pick up my student, who is NOT on the list?

The parent will email <u>WMS.attendance@hayscisd.net</u> or write a note, along with your picture ID granting Temporary Access to Pick Up your student.

## Do I have to go into the school to sign my student in for the day?

No, the Student can sign themselves in. Just remember to send a note or doctor's note with them stating the reason for the absence or email **WMS.attendance@hayscisd.net**.

# Can I check out my student during testing days?

Students may **not** be checked out during a test administration without approval from a campus administrator.

#### Attendance Codes

EA	Excused Absence note from parent	Counts against 90% rule
UN/UP	Unaccounted/Unexcused Personal	Counts against 90% rule
EW	Excused Waived note from doctor; did not attend school	Does NOT count against 90% rule
OA	School related field trip	Does NOT count against 90% rule
ОС	Student was On Campus, but not in class	Does NOT count against 90% rule

OJ	Required court appearance	Does NOT count against 90% rule
OL	School UIL Activity	Does NOT count against 90% rule
ON	Doctor's Note; Did attend school	Does NOT count against 90% rule