Right & Know Tardiness

School start times in DC vary by school and type; check your school's handbook for exact times.

Students must be present for 6 hours of the day in order to be counted present.

Each LEA determines how many tardies equals an absence.



Schools cannot suspend or expel a student as a consequence to unexcused tardies or absences.

If a student is tardy or misses 20% of the school day, they will be marked absent for the whole day.

Schools may un-enroll a student after 20 cumulative unexcused absences.

^{*} DCPS students who are out-of-boundary or attend a selective school may be uninvited to re-enroll due to excessive tardies.

^{**} Charter students maybe uninvited to re-enroll due to excessive tardies.