

## Student Services

### Attendance policy Q&A

#### Q. How many unexcused days can my child miss each school year?

A. The Pickens County Local Truancy Ordinance allows a child to miss five unexcused days. State law allows a student to miss 10 unexcused days.

#### Q. What happens once my child has missed five unexcused days?

A. A referral is made to the School Social Worker and/or Attendance Officer. The Student Services Department will contact parents to schedule a meeting.

#### Q. If my child is out sick for a few days, how many days do they have to turn in a medical note to the school?

A. Board Policy allows a student 5 school days to bring a note in once they return after an illness.

#### Q. What happens once a child misses six unexcused days?

A. If parents have already met with the School Social Worker or Attendance Officer the parent will be issued a ticket for truancy by one of our county resource officers and will be required to attend Magistrate Court.

#### Q. What can happen to parents at Magistrate Court?

A. Parents may admit or deny the truancy charges (these are not criminal charges and do not appear on record). If parents admit to charges, then they are placed on 180 days of probation and must pay a probation set-up fee. The judge may sentence parents to fines, community service, and jail time, which is all suspended if the child does not have any more unexcused absences. Parents may also deny charges and request a bench trial.

#### Q. What happens at 10 unexcused days?

A. At 10 unexcused days, the parent and student (middle and high school level) must appear in Juvenile Court. In Juvenile Court, the Judge closely monitors a student's attendance, grades, and discipline. During this time, a student monthly review is initiated, until improvements are made with attendance. The Judge may order counseling for the student and family, community service, tutoring, and in some cases, a student may be placed

on probation with the Department of Juvenile Justice. Referrals may be made to the Department of Family and Children Services.

#### Q. What is the purpose of the court and my child attending school every day?

A. Statistics show that truancy, or unexcused absences from school, has been linked to serious

delinquent activity in youth and to significant negative behavior and characteristics in adults. The purpose of the court is not to punish parents or students, but to offer support and resources in improving attendance for all students.

### 2019 Pickens High School Volleyball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Varsity	JV	C-Team
Thursday, August 1	Fannin (Scrimmage 3 of 5)	Fannin	5:00	---	---
Tuesday, August 6	Mountain Madness Opener - Fannin, Gilmer, Dawson	Gilmer	5:00/6:00/7:00	---	---
Saturday, August 10	Welcome to the Jungle Tournament	Adairsville	TBA	---	---
Tuesday, August 13	East Hall/Gilmer	Gilmer	6:00/7:00	6:00/7:00	---
Wednesday, August 14	LFO/Gilmer	LFO	---	---	5:00/6:00
Thursday, August 15	Sonoraville/Adairsville	Sonoraville	5:00/6:00	5:00/6:00	---
<b>Monday, August 19</b>	<b>Cherokee Bluff/West Hall</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>5:00/7:00</b>
<b>Tuesday, August 20</b>	<b>Murray/Lumpkin</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>5:00/7:00</b>	<b>5:00/7:00</b>	<b>---</b>
Wednesday, August 21	Dawson/Gilmer	Dawson	---	---	5:00/6:00
Thursday, August 22	Habersham Central/Dawson	Dawson	6:00/7:00	6:00/7:00	---
Saturday, August 24	Rally on the Ridge	Fannin	TBA	---	---
Tuesday, August 27	Union/TBA	Union	6:00 - ?	---	6:00 - ?
Wednesday, August 28	Gilmer/Paulding County	Gilmer	---	---	5:00/6:00
<b>Thursday, August 29</b>	<b>Cass/TBA</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>5:00/7:00</b>	<b>5:00/7:00</b>	<b>---</b>
<b>Wednesday, September 4</b>	<b>LFO/Gilmer</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>5:00/7:00</b>
<b>Thursday, September 5</b>	<b>Fannin/Cherokee</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>5:00/7:00</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>5:00/7:00</b>
Monday, September 9	Cherokee Bluff/North Hall	Cherokee Bluff	---	---	6:00/7:00
Tuesday, September 10	**Southeast Whitfield/Northwest Whitfield	Southeast Whitfield	5:00/6:00	5:00/6:00	---
Thursday, September 12	Cherokee/ TBA	Cherokee	6:00/7:00	6:00/7:00	---
Saturday, September 14	JV Raider Rally Tournament	Southeast Whitfield	---	<b>TBA</b>	---
Monday, September 16	West Hall/Stephens Co	West Hall	---	---	5:00/6:00
<b>Tuesday, September 17</b>	<b>Sonoraville/**Gilmer</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>5:00/7:00</b>	<b>5:00/7:00</b>	<b>---</b>
Thursday, September 19	Cass/Ceadertown	Cass	5:00/6:00	---	5:00/6:00
Tuesday, September 24	**Ridgeland/Ringgold	Ridgeland	5:00/6:00	5:00/6:00	---
Thursday, September 26	Fannin/Gilmer	Fannin	5:00/6:00	5:00/6:00	---
Tuesday, October 1	**Heritage/Lafayette	Heritage	5:00/6:00	5:00/6:00	---
<b>Wednesday, October 2</b>	<b>Dawson/Cherokee</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>5:00/7:00</b>
<b>Tuesday, October 8</b>	<b>Adairsville Senior Night</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>6:00</b>	<b>5:00</b>
Thursday, Oct 10	REGION TOURNAMENT	At Higher Seed	TBD	---	---
Saturday, Oct 12	REGION TOURNAMENT	Heritage	TBD	---	---