5 Things to Know about Wicomico’s NEW Attendance Rules

- Students should strive to be in school **all day, every day**. Consistent full-day attendance supports students in achieving academic success, graduation, and development into productive members of society.

- Parents/guardians and students should review the Student Attendance Policy and Student Attendance Procedure to know the rules for excused and unexcused absences for everything from family vacations to college and employer visits to student illness or death in the immediate family.

- Students who have more than 5 **unexcused** absences in a marking term must successfully complete an attendance intervention plan to avoid failing the marking term.

- An attendance intervention plan may involve the student staying after school for up to two hours a day, with parents/guardians responsible for alternative transportation home if needed. Student attendance is a family responsibility.

- For 2019-2020, the 1st marking term will be a “no fault” period as students and parents/guardians become familiar with the new attendance policy and procedure; attendance **will not** impact 1st marking term course grades. However, students who have 5 or more unexcused absences in the 1st marking term **will** have to complete an attendance intervention plan.