



ARKANSAS DIVISION of YOUTH SERVICES

School Attendance Expectations

2025-26 School Year

In accordance with Arkansas state standards, DYS youth will attend school four days a week for 7.5 hours per day for a total of 30 hours per week. Fridays will be utilized for individual, group, and family therapy sessions, as well as credit recovery, tutoring, and remediation. At any time that classroom minutes are not met, the educational time must be made up.

In the event circumstances require that a facility, class, pod/group, or an individual miss a day(s), of school, it is the responsibility of the building-level principal, building-level director, or other designee to notify the DYS Superintendent of the dates and times missed and to present a proposal for how and when the missed educational time will be made up.

COVID-19 continues to require an occasional case of isolation or quarantined for affected individuals. DYS has established protocols that allow students to receive printed materials created by that allow students to keep up with schoolwork (if they feel well enough to do so) preventing them from falling behind in their studies. If they are too ill to complete their work while experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, students will be provided extended time to make up their work. Teachers and classroom academic coaches will assist as needed to ensure students are able to master the skills that were taught while students were out of a classroom setting.