

Flex Days Guidelines 2011-2012

Chillicothe ISD is again using an Optional Flexible Year Program (OFYP) for the 2011-2012 school year. **This flex calendar allows up to 10 instructional days off from school for students who meet the requisite guidelines.** *The OFYP days are in two groups and each group has its own guidelines for eligibility.*

The **Pre-Assessment Flex Days** (10/17; 1/20; 2/17; 3/2; 4/13) are designed to assist students who did not pass one or more TAKS tests the previous year. Assistance will be provided through small-group, personalized learning leading up to the 2012 STAAR-TAKS testing. In order for your child to be exempt from school on these days, he/she must meet the following guidelines:

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>REQUIREMENTS</u>
K – 3	Students are not eligible.
4 - 11	Meet the Attendance Standard (see * below, but generally 5 absences) No more than 2 discipline referrals <i>Exceed the Passing standard by at least 10% for all content areas of the TAKS test for the 2011 administration</i>
12	Meet the Attendance Standard (see * below, but generally 5 absences) No more than 2 discipline referrals <i>Passed all content areas of the TAKS test for 2010 or 2011</i>

The **Post-Assessment Flex Days** are the last four school days in May (4/30; 5/24; 5/29; 5/30; 5/31) and are reserved primarily for working with students who have not shown mastery of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills as demonstrated on the current year's benchmarks, spring six-weeks tests, spring AIMSweb assessments, and the spring Unit Assessments and therefore, are in need of additional instruction. Students are eligible for exemption from school on those days if they meet the following requirements:

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>REQUIREMENTS</u>
K-6	*Meet the Attendance Standard (see * below, but generally 5 absences) At grade level according to AIMSweb, Benchmark, and Unit Assessments No more than 2 discipline referrals
7-12	* Meet the Attendance Standard (see * below, but generally 5 absences) No more than 2 discipline referrals At grade level according to the 5 th and 6 th Six=Weeks, Benchmark, and Unit Assessments
12	*Meet the Attendance Standard (see * below, but generally 5 absences) No more than 2 discipline referrals Passed all content areas of the TAKS test for 2010 or 2011

***PERFORMANCE/ATTENDANCE STANDARD – Students who exceed the 5 days in absences may also be considered for exemption based on the following criteria:**

- 6 absences will require exceeding all minimum passing standards by 15%
- 7 absences will require exceeding all minimum passing standards by 20%
- 8 absences will require exceeding all minimum passing standards by 25%
- 9 absences will require exceeding all minimum passing standards by 30%

Students required to attend school on OFYP days, who fail to attend, will have truancy charges filed by the district unless they received PRIOR approval of campus principal or submit a doctor's excuse for an appointment that was NOT prescheduled.

The 5 days of absences for consideration of OFYP exemption CANNOT be any of the OFYP days. Any unexcused absence on OFYP days automatically results in forfeiture of the following year exemptions.

Available Adult Supervision

Parents who do not have available child care for their children who are exempt from attendance during the OFYP days/, may still opt to send their children to school. While most of the staff will be working with students requiring extra academic assistance, campus staff will ensure that all children are monitored and receive meaningful learning activities.