



2020/2021 TN School Update

Each year, states may require certain information to be distributed to enrolled families of private schools. HLA is complying with TN state requirements to provide information regarding immunizations as well as the newly adopted truancy initiatives which began in 2019. If you have any specific questions, please email admin@homelifeacademy.com.

This update is for INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY and does not require any action on your part.

Per T.C.A. § 49-50-802 which requires non-public schools to provide parents with information about meningococcal and influenza diseases and the effectiveness of vaccinations.

[Recommended Immunization Schedules](#)

[Meningococcal Disease and Vaccine Information Sheet](#)

[Influenza Disease and Vaccine Information Sheet](#)

Per T.C.A. § 49-6-3007 (c) It is the duty of the principals and teachers of all schools, public, private, denominational or parochial, to report in writing to the director of schools of the system in which the school is located the names, ages and residences of all pupils in attendance at their schools and classes within thirty (30) days after the beginning of the school year, and to make such other reports of attendance in their schools or classes, including transfers of pupils, as may be required by rule or regulation of the local board of education and of the state board of education. Notwithstanding subsection (g), this subsection (c) shall apply to any child less than six (6) years of age who is enrolled in any school to which this subsection (c) is applicable.

Per T.C.A. § 49-6-3007 (e)(1) which requires that by the beginning of each school year, the principal or head of school of a public, nonpublic, or church-related school, shall give written notice to the parent, guardian, or person having control of a student subject to compulsory attendance, that the parent, guardian, or other person having control of the student must monitor the student's school attendance and require the student to attend school. The written notice must inform the parent, guardian, or other

person having control of a student that a student who accumulates five (5) days of unexcused absences during the school year is subject to the LEA's progressive truancy interventions and that continued unexcused absences may result in a referral to juvenile court. The five (5) days of unexcused absences need not be five (5) consecutive days of unexcused absences.

For the complete TN Code regarding attendance and truancy, click the links below.
[TN Attendance Code § 49-6-3007](#) and [Truancy Intervention § 49-6-3009](#)

As a homeschooler, you are not bound by the public school schedule and therefore have 365 days of the year to complete 180 days of instruction beginning August 1 and ending July 31. Unexcused absences should be rare. It is always our recommendation to keep good documentation and attendance records are required to be kept. If your student is missing days of school due to medical issues and will not be able to meet the 180 days of attendance in the full school year, please contact us so that we can update your account and put documentation on file. If you have a doctor letter or other documentation that you would like us to put on file, you can [upload that here](#).

HLA Policy regarding unexcused absences: HLA students with five (5) unexcused absences (Tier 1) will be at risk of dismissal from HomeLife Academy and will be required to meet with HLA, make a plan and sign an agreement for improvement. Students with six (6) unexcused absences will be dismissed. HLA will only work through Tier 1 of the progressive truancy interventions and will then dismiss. However, please refer to the paragraph above.

If you have questions or concerns regarding these matters, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Sincerely,

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