**2023-2024 School Attendance Information**

\*Absenteeism now impacts Gate City High School’s accreditation. The state makes no distinction between excused and unexcused absences. **If a student misses more than 10% of the** **school year, it is considered chronic absenteeism**. **Ten percent of the school year equates to 18 days absent regardless of the reason for the absence.**

\*After a student accumulates seven parent excuses for the entire school year, only an excuse from a doctor/dentist/court will excuse an absence. Unexcused early dismissals also count towards the allowed seven parent excuses. **Non-compliance and continued unexcused absenteeism will result in a referral to our Scott County Truancy Office/Court Liaison.**

\*Good attendance is also a requirement for participation in many school sponsored events. A good example is our prom. We want all students to participate in all Gate City High School activities and will support and update them as their attendance becomes a concern for participation. We also encourage our students and parents to monitor absences. It is important that students attend school and keep absences to a minimum. If a student is not ill we ask that appointments be scheduled at a time that causes the least amount of disruption to the student’s school day. Also, if a student is not ill and has an appointment, a doctor’s excuse will not cover the whole day.

**\*Junior and Senior Prom on April 27th**

Any student who has 8 or more “Unexcused” absences is not eligible to participate. Attendance from last year will also be taken into consideration if a student has become ineligible or is being monitored due to excessive unexcused tardies or early dismissals. Attendance will be monitored through April 26th. Attendance after the prom will also to taken into consideration for participation next year.

\*P**lease contact the school office at 386-7522 when a student is absent. Also call if you would like to discuss an attendance plan or schedule a conference. The staff of Gate City High School wants to help with any barriers your student may be experiencing for consistent attendance.**

**Thank-You for Your Support,**

**GCHS Staff**