



STUDENT ABSENCES AND EXCUSES

POLICY:

The Board considers regular school attendance essential for educational success. All students are expected to attend school as required by law and by Board policy.

The principal will be responsible for assessing and acting upon parental requests for students to be excused.

The principal has the authority to excuse students for absences due to illness, educational/occupational interviews, quarantine, bereavement or serious illness in the family, inclement weather, religious instruction or emergencies. Physicians, psychiatrists, psychologists, dentists and similar professionals may request permission for students' excused absences.

Students may be excused on a limited basis from a particular preplanned classroom activity or from selected portions of the established curriculum on the basis of religious or disability considerations.

A student who is excused must still fulfill the school's requirements.

Each school shall notify parents/guardians by the end of the school day if their child has an unplanned absence. The notification will be either in person, by telephone or another method identified in writing by the parent/guardian. If the parent/guardian can not be contacted by the above methods, a message shall be left, if possible. Notice of the child's absence shall be provided to the attendance supervisor, who shall proceed as provided in ORS 339.055, if a message cannot be left or if after a message is left and the parent/guardian has not confirmed within three business days that the parent/guardian has received notification. Parents are expected to notify the school office staff of changes to their contact information.

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