

Elkton School District 34

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Absences and Excuses

It is the student's responsibility to maintain regular attendance in all assigned classes. Absence from school or class will be excused under the following circumstances:

1. Illness of the student;
2. Illness of an immediate family member when the student's presence at home is necessary;
3. Emergency situations that require the student's absence;
4. Field trips and school-approved activities;
5. Medical (dental) appointments. Confirmation of appointments may be required;
6. Other reasons deemed appropriate by the school administrator when satisfactory arrangements have been made in advance of the absence.
Reasons are limited to those matters that can not be scheduled for non school hours. Appropriate reasons include medical appointments but do not include shopping or personal grooming or matters that could be handled by another person or at an alternative time.

Absences from school the day of an event or activity and/or the day preceding unless otherwise authorized in advance by the principal shall cause the student to not participate. Students participating in such events/activities are required to attend school on time the day following the event/activity.

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 cannot be notified by the above methods, a message shall be left, if possible.

Additionally, the superintendent will develop procedures whereby those students who are considered truant may be subject to the following penalties: detention, suspension, expulsion and/or ineligibility to participate in athletics or other activities.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 109.056](#)
[ORS 332.107](#)
[ORS 339.030](#)
[ORS 339.055](#)

[ORS 339.065](#)
[ORS 339.420](#)
[OAR 581-021-0046](#)
[OAR 581-021-0050](#)

[OAR 581-023-0006\(11\)](#)

HB 3197 (2011)

Cross Reference(s):

IGBHD - Program Exemptions