

Grants Pass School District 7

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Student Absences and Excuses

The Grants Pass High School attendance regulations are designed to put the responsibility on students and their parents for student attendance. If students are to receive maximum benefit from the instructional program, regular attendance is necessary.

According to state compulsory attendance law, “All children between the ages of seven and eighteen years of age who have not completed the twelfth grade are required to attend regularly a public full time school.”

All students will be required to attend a minimum of 82 percent of the classes for a given course. This means the student cannot miss more than eight days per quarter. Should a student fail to be in attendance for the required minimum, he/she may receive an “F” and be placed in a structured study hall; however, student attendance may not be the sole criterion for grade reduction. Provisions will be made for extenuating circumstances.

Absences are allowed only for student illness, illness in the immediate family, an emergency, selected activities or for other reasons where satisfactory arrangements are made in advance of the absence.

Therefore, Grants Pass High School cannot allow for absences outside the state law. If students are absent for reasons not allowed by the state, students and their parents are in violation of the law. Those students who are in violation of the state law cannot expect to have petitions granted by the appeals committee.

Absences will be kept by the classroom teacher and reported to the attendance office where they will be reported on each student’s attendance calendar. This attendance calendar is an approximation of absences, but the teacher’s grade book is the final authority. Attendance is the student’s responsibility.

Students who are called out of class by the administration and the counselors will not be counted absent.

Additional regulations and criteria will be published annually for student and parent information.