

Student Absences and Excuses**

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 school principal will be responsible for assessing and acting upon parental requests for students to be excused. 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. Other reasons deemed appropriate by the school administrator when satisfactory arrangements have been made in advance of the absence;
6. Medical and/or dental appointments. Confirmation of appointments may be required.

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.

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 personal, religious or ethnic considerations.

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

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