

Multnomah Education Service District

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Student Absences and Excuses**

The Board considers regular school attendance essential for educational success. Students in MESD programs are expected to attend school as required by law and by Board policy.

Administrators or teachers will be responsible for assessing and acting upon parental requests for students to be excused from MESD classrooms.

The administrator or teacher has the authority to excuse students for reasons permitted by law including absences due to illness, educational/occupational interviews, 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.

MESD staff working in component school districts, their students and parents shall comply with local district policies and procedures.

Each school shall notify parents, guardians or persons in a parental relationship 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 or persons in a parental relationship. If the parent/guardian cannot be notified by the above methods, a message shall be left, if possible.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 109.056](#)

[ORS 334.125\(7\)](#)

[ORS 339.030](#)

[ORS 339.055](#)

[ORS 339.065](#)

[ORS 339.420](#)

[OAR 581-021-0046](#)

[OAR 581-021-0050](#)

[OAR 581-022-1910](#)

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

MESD Policy Cross Reference(s):

AA - MESD Purpose and Goals

EH - Electronic Data Management

JA/JAA - Student Policies, Goals and Objectives

JE - Attendance**

JEA - Compulsory Attendance

JHCB - Immunization of Students

JO/IGBAB - Student Education Records**

JOA - Directory Information