

# Newberg School District 29J

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## **Student Attendance, Absences and Excuses\*\***

Regular school attendance is essential for educational success. All students are expected to attend school as required by law. The law places the responsibility for attendance on the student and parents. The superintendent shall develop administrative regulations designed to assure student attendance and shall appoint a district attendance officer.

The superintendent shall develop administrative regulations whereby those students who are truant may be subject to discipline, including detention, suspension, expulsion, ineligibility to participate in athletics or other activities.

These administrative regulations shall be published annually for students, staff and parents.

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

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 109.056](#)

[ORS 339.030](#)

[ORS 339.055](#)

[ORS 339.065](#)

[ORS 339.420](#)

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[OAR 581-021-0050](#)

[OAR 581-022-1910](#)

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

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**Cross Reference(s):**

IGBHD - Program Exemptions