

Exclusions and Exemptions from School Attendance

1. When a student returns to school from an absence of more than five days, the school may require a statement from a physician stating that the student is sufficiently recovered to return to the school setting.
2. In addition, the Marion County Health Department requires a physician's statement for a student being readmitted to school after some infections and/or communicable diseases.
3. Parental requests for any restrictions beyond the second day of return to regular classroom attendance, i.e., need to stay indoors during recess, need for a rest period, or any restrictions which will prohibit normal participation in physical education, will require a statement from the student's physician if deemed necessary by either the principal or the school nurse.
4. When a student accumulates eight unexcused one-half day absences in any four-week period, he/she shall be considered in irregular attendance. Irregular attendance shall be brought to the attention of the building principal by the homeroom teacher.
5. The principal shall send a letter to the parents explaining the importance of regular attendance and request their support to ensure the student attends school regularly. In addition, a personal contact with the parents by school staff will be made to discuss the matter. If irregular attendance continues, the building principal shall notify the parents by certified mail that they are in violation of the attendance laws of the state of Oregon and request parent cooperation in having the student attend on the next school day and maintain regular attendance during the remainder of the school year.
6. If the parents fail to comply within three days, the attendance supervisor shall send notification to the parents by certified mail that they are: in violation of Oregon law; the child must appear in school the next day following receipt of the notice; and regular attendance must be maintained. Additionally, the notice shall state that if there is no response after three days, a complaint alleging parents' refusal to send their child to school shall be sent to the Marion County District Court, where the judge shall issue warrants and proceed to hear and determine matters in the complaint.