

Attendance

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.

Goals of attendance requirements are to:

1. Contribute to the academic success of students;
2. Inform parents about their students' class attendance or non-attendance;
3. Place the responsibility for attendance in the hands of students and their parents;
4. Aid students in making decisions and accepting the responsibilities and consequences resulting from those decisions;
5. Stress that punctual and regular attendance is a learned function necessary in coping with life;
6. Meet Oregon graduation 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.

The superintendent will develop procedures to ensure attendance is monitored, regular attendance encouraged and parents are informed of absences. Although absenteeism shall not be the sole criteria for reduction in grades, students must be aware that regular attendance can affect academic performance and ultimately graduation.

The principal will 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, quarantine, bereavement or serious illness in the family, inclement weather, religious instruction, emergencies or professional appointments that could not be scheduled outside of the regular class day.

Students may be excused on a limited basis from a particular pre-planned 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 school and classroom requirements.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 336.010](#)

[ORS 339.020](#)

[ORS 339.030](#)

[ORS 339.055](#)

[ORS 339.065](#)

[ORS 339.071](#)

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