

**Saint Helens  
School District 502**

Code: **JEDA-AR**  
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Orig. Code(s): JEDA-AR

## **Truancy**

The district expects all students who are residents of the district to attend school until they complete the 12th grade, reach 18 years of age, or are excluded or excused from attendance under the provisions of Oregon law.

### **Rules**

1. Each school and organizational unit shall establish specific rules regarding student attendance.
2. An absence from school may be excused under the provisions of ORS 339.065 (2) (3).

### **Procedures for Irregular Attendance**

1. If the student is absent for three consecutive days without contact from the parent, the principal or his/her appointed representative will be notified and every reasonable effort will be made to contact the family.
2. After eight unexcused one-half day absences during any four-week period, the At-Risk Coordinator, or counselor appointed by the superintendent will be notified.
3. After five consecutive days of absence and no parental arrangement the At-Risk Coordinator or counselor will make a family contact.
4. If truancy continues then official action will be taken as outlined in Board policy JEA and JEA-AR - Compulsory Attendance. A student who has an excused absence, has the same number of days he/she was absent to make up all school work. Circumstances of the absence may also be considered in determining the length of time for the work to be made up. All attendance rules and regulations shall be printed in the student handbooks that are distributed to students at the start of the school year.