

Vernonia School District 47J

Code: **JED**
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Orig. Code(s): JED

Student Absences and Excuses**

Students shall comply with the rules and regulations of the school they attend, the directions of the school personnel and shall pursue the prescribed course of study.

Students will be punctual in reporting to school and to classes and shall attend regularly. Tardiness to, or absence from class shall be recognized as an important matter. Each school will publish the appropriate regulations/procedures. Absence from school or class will be excused under the following circumstances:

1. Illness of the student;
2. Illness of an immediate family member when the student's presence at home is necessary;
3. Emergency situations that require the student's absence;
4. Field trips and school-approved activities;
5. Medical/Dental appointments. Confirmation of appointments may be required;
6. Other reasons deemed appropriate by the school administrator when satisfactory arrangements have been made in advance of the absence.

Each school shall notify a parent or 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 or guardian. If the parent or guardian cannot be notified by the above methods, a message shall be left, if possible.

Students may not attend school when they, or others in the home, have a communicable disease unless such attendance is authorized by a qualified health official.

Students may not attend school or any school function when they have been excluded from school for disciplinary reasons.¹ Further, a student must have been in attendance for a majority of the day in order to attend or participate in cocurricular activities.

END OF POLICY

¹The use of out-of-school suspension or expulsion for discipline of a student in the fifth grade or below, is limited to:

1. Nonaccidental conduct causing serious physical harm to a student or employee;
2. When a school administrator determines, based on the administrator's observation or upon a report from an employee, the student's conduct poses a threat to the health or safety of students or employees; or
3. When the suspension or expulsion is required by law.

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 109.056](#)
[ORS 332.107](#)
[ORS 339.030](#)
[ORS 339.055](#)

[ORS 339.065](#)
[ORS 339.071](#)
[ORS 339.250](#)
[ORS 339.420](#)

[OAR 581-021-0046](#)
[OAR 581-021-0050](#)
[OAR 581-023-0006\(11\)](#)

Cross Reference(s):

IGBHD - Program Exemptions