

**Student Absences and Excuses\*\* (Version 2)**

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 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 or emergencies. Physicians, psychiatrists, psychologists, dentists and similar professionals may request permission for students' excused absences. Excused absences may also be granted for other reasons where satisfactory arrangements have been made in advance of the absence. Excused absences do not relieve the students of his or her responsibility to meet the attendance requirements of the district and state of Oregon for grade advancement and/or graduation requirements.

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.

Notwithstanding any grading policy of the district permitting teachers to consider a student's attendance in determining the student's grade or deciding whether the students should be granted or denied credit, if the student has an excused absence(s) as determined by this policy then the grade shall not be reduced or the credit shall not be denied based on said absences.

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):**

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| <a href="#">ORS 109.056</a> | <a href="#">OAR 581-021-0046</a>     |
| <a href="#">ORS 332.107</a> | <a href="#">OAR 581-021-0050</a>     |
| <a href="#">ORS 339.030</a> | <a href="#">OAR 581-022-1910</a>     |
| <a href="#">ORS 339.055</a> | <a href="#">OAR 581-023-0006(11)</a> |
| <a href="#">ORS 339.065</a> |                                      |
| <a href="#">ORS 339.420</a> | HB 3197 (2011)                       |

