

STUDENT ABSENCES AND EXCUSES

The following reasons for student absences from schools are recognized as valid by the Board of Education:

1. sickness or death in the family,
2. impassible roads or weather making travel unsafe,
3. religious observance,
4. sickness requiring attendance at a medical clinic,
5. approved school-sponsored trips,
6. quarantine, and
7. required court appearances.

Any other absence is considered illegal. Each absence must be accounted for. It is the parent's/ guardian's responsibility to notify the office on the morning of the absence. It is essential that parents/guardians provide a written excuse for each absence. Such excuse should contain the reason and date of absence. Written excuses are to be kept on file for two years.

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5100, Student Attendance
5161, Truancy and Tardiness

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