

ATTENDANCE

Types of absences: Excused, Parental Permission, and Unexcused

A. ABSENCES

1. Excused – Excused absences are those where the student was on official school business or when the absence was due to one of the following reasons: which is documented by The student must bring a written statement from the parent or legal guardian to the principal or designees within five (5) days upon his/her return to school from the parent or legal guardian stating such a reason. A written statement presented for an absence having occurred more than three days prior to the presentation will not be accepted.
 - a. Student's illness when could jeopardize the health of other students. A maximum of five (5) such days are allowed per year unless the condition(s) causing such absences is of a chronic or recurring nature, is medically documented, and/or approved by the principal. These days will be recorded as Parent Permission described below.
 - b. Death or serious illness in the immediate family, i.e.-spouse, child, parent, sibling, grandparent, any relative who lives in the same household as the student.
 - c. Observance of recognized holidays observed by the student's faith.
 - d. Attendance at a medical appointment.
 - e. Exceptional circumstances with prior approval of the principal.
 - f. Participation on FFA, FHA, or 4-H sanctioned activities.
 - g. Participation in the election poll workers program for high school students.
 - h. Absence granted to allow a student to visit his/her parent or legal guardian who is a member of the military and has been called to active duty, is on leave from active duty, or has returned from deployment to combat zone or combat support posting. The number of additional excused absences shall be at the direction of the Superintendent or designee.
 - i. Absences granted, at the Superintendent's discretion, to seventeen (17) year old students who join the Arkansas National Guard while in the eleventh (11th) grade to complete basic training between grades eleven (11) and twelve (12).
 - j. Absences for students excluded from school by the Arkansas Department of Health during a disease outbreak because the student has an immunization waiver or whose immunizations are not up to date.
 - k. Parental Permission for any reason not covered above, not to exceed five (5) days per year, provided the parent has contacted the school attendance office, by note or by phone call, the day the absence occurs.
 - For the purposes of elementary school attendance, parent permission days will be counted in the form of five (5) a.m. and five (5) p.m. absences.
 - No more than five (5) of either a.m. or p.m. absences will be excused as parent permission.
 - j. Absences for parent permission shall not be granted in conflict with semester examination schedules.
 - l. Any circumstance not covered above which the District determines are excused.

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