

Secondary Attendance Policy

Regular school attendance is critical to the learning process. Students shall be in attendance at least 90% of the time the subject is being taught.

Make-up Work:

A student will be given two (2) days, from the day they return to school, following any absence, to complete and turn in all missed work. In the event of an unexpected prolonged absence, additional days may be given to complete and turn in all missed work. Assignments or tests that were announced prior to the student's absence are due on the day the student returns to school. Exceptions may be granted by teachers when there are extenuating circumstances.

Types of Absences

- **Excused Absence (EA)** is an absence from school with the knowledge and approval of the student's parent(s)/guardian(s)/custodian(s). Written, oral, or electronic communication from parents is expected by 9:30 a.m. on the day of the absence.
- **Unexcused Absence (UA)** is an absence from school that has not been verified via written, oral, or electronic communication from a parent(s)/guardian(s)/custodian(s). Absences left unverified over 48 hours may be considered truant.

Absence reasons that ARE NOT counted toward the 90% rule:

- **In-school Absence (IA)** is an absence that occurs within the school day where a student is pulled from class. Examples include extended visits to the office, nurse, or when a student is at a school-approved meeting (i.e. student body, college meetings, etc.).
- **Activity Absence (AA)** is an absence that occurs for attending school-sponsored programs and classes will be missed.
- **Suspended Absence (SA)** is an absence due to in-school or out-of-school suspension or an absence from class due to behavior.
- **Medical Absence (MA)** is an absence due to medical reasons that is confirmed with documentation by professional personnel. Documentation shall be provided within 7 school days of when the student returns to school. (Examples include medical doctors, dentists, psychologists, etc.). In the event a student is sent home by the school nurse, this code shall apply only for the day the student was sent home.

- **Bereavement (BR)** is an absence due to a death in the family.
- **Prearranged Absence (PA)** is an absence that occurs when a student knows in advance that they will be absent for two (2) or more days and fills out the proper form through the attendance office. This may include athletic/club activities, travel (not school-related), vacations, college visit(s), or surgery.
- **School Excused (SC)** is an absence that occurs for college visitations, or extenuating circumstances that have been approved by the administration. Three (3) or more college visits need to be approved by the administration prior to the absence.
- **Court Appearance (CA)** is an absence that occurs for students having legal obligations, which includes a stay in juvenile detention.
- **Disability Related (DA)** is an absence based on a disability identified within an Individualized Education Plan, a 504 Plan, or a health accommodation plan requiring or necessitating an absence.
- **Self-Directed Learner (SD)** is an absence for a student who has been approved to be identified as a self-directed learner pursuant to Policy 2470.

All other absences will count against the 90% rule. Any student with less than 90% attendance shall complete an [attendance petition \(Policy 3050P\)](#) for their credits.

Consequences for Violating Attendance Policy:

The offenses are tracked during the duration of your enrollment within the Lakeland Joint School District. Consequences are identified below.

1st Offense :

- A notification and Policy 3050P (an Attendance Petition) will be sent to the student and their parent/guardian/custodians stating the student has violated the attendance policy.
- Once an attendance petition has been submitted, the administration will meet with the student to review the attendance policy and the consequences of repeated violations.
- The student may receive credit for all passing grades.

2nd Offense :

- A notification and Policy 3050P (an Attendance Petition) will be sent to the student and their parent/guardian/custodians stating the student has violated the attendance policy for the second time and has been placed on probation.
- The student will receive “incomplete” grades for any credits earned during the semester.

- Once an attendance petition has been submitted, the administration will meet with the student and their parents/guardian/custodians to address the consequences of “incomplete” grades.
- Directions will be given to the students on how to resolve the students’ “incomplete” grades to ensure credits are earned.

3rd Offense:

- A notification and Policy 3050P (an Attendance Petition) will be sent to the student and their parent/guardian/custodians stating the student has violated the attendance policy for the third time.
- The student will have a loss of all credits earned during the current semester as well as the previous probationary semester.
- Students and their parents/guardians/custodians may choose to petition the Board to recover any lost credits.
- The student may be recommended for an alternative placement:-

The administration has the discretion to examine extensive absences to determine if a student has violated the attendance policy.

- **10 Consecutive Absences:**

If a student has **10 consecutive absences** without any communication or documentation, the student will be **unenrolled** from LJSD.

Cross Reference: 3030

Part-time Attendance / Dual Enrollment

Legal Reference:

Art. IX, § 9, Idaho Constitution – Compulsory Attendance at School

I.C. § 33-202

School attendance compulsory

I.C. § 33-204

Exemption for Cause

I.C. § 33-205

Denial of School Attendance

I.C. § 33-206

Habitual Truant Defined

I.C. § 33-207

Proceedings against parents or guardians

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