

# Three Rivers School District

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## STUDENT ABSENCES AND EXCUSES

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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.

~~Oregon school law supports the Board's view, and restricts excused absences to illness of the student, student medical or dental appointments (confirmation of appointments may be required), illness in the immediate family which requires the student's presence at home, when the tenets of the student's religion require an absence for religious observance of a holiday or emergency situations that require the student's absence. All other absences must meet the approval of the school officials or be treated as unexcused absences. An absence that does not meet the criteria of an excused absence but has been confirmed by the parent will be marked as a "verified" absence.~~

~~Absences will only be excused or verified if a phone call is received from the parent/guardian the day the student is absent or a note received in the school office not more than three days after the child returned to school.~~

It is the student's responsibility to maintain regular attendance in all assigned classes. A student's absence from school or class will be excused under the following circumstances:

1. Illness, including mental and behavioral health 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. Student is a dependent of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces<sup>1</sup> who is on active duty or who is called to active duty. The student may be excused for up to seven days during the school year;
5. Field trips and school-approved activities;
6. Medical (dental) appointments. Confirmation of appointments may be required;
7. 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, via ParentVUE, 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.

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<sup>1</sup> U.S. Armed Forces includes the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard of the United States; reserve components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines Corps and Coast Guard of the United States; and the National Guard of the United States and the Oregon National Guard.

Additionally, the superintendent will develop procedures whereby those students who are considered truant may be subject to the following penalties: detention, suspension<sup>2</sup>, expulsion and/or ineligibility to participate in athletics or other activities.

END OF POLICY

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### Legal Reference(s)

ORS 109.056  
ORS 332.107  
ORS 339.030  
ORS 339.055  
ORS 339.065  
ORS 339.071  
ORS 339.420  
OAR 581-021-0046  
OAR 581-021-0050  
OAR 581-023-0006  
HB 3197 (2011)

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<sup>2</sup>The 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.