

Three Rivers School District

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STUDENT ABSENCES AND EXCUSES

~~Daily attendance and punctuality are absolutely necessary for a student to gain maximum benefits from his/her educational experience. 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.

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.

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

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 109.056

ORS 332.107

ORS 339.030

ORS 339.055

ORS 339.065

ORS 339.420

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