

STUDENT ABSENCES AND EXCUSES

Absences for the following reasons shall be considered as excused:

- A. Personal illness.
- B. Serious illness or death of a family member.
- C. Funeral.
- D. Medical and dental appointments that cannot be arranged during non-school hours.
- E. Unusual or emergency situations at home.
- F. Religious holidays and activities.
- G. Authorized school-sponsored activities.
- H. Approved college visits.
- I. Acts of God.
- J. Quarantine.
- K. Out-of-state travel, not to exceed 24 hours per school year that the student's school is open for instruction, for participation in an enrichment activity approved by the Board of Education or an extracurricular activity, defined as a student activity program operated by the District but not included in a graded course of study.
- L. At the Superintendent's discretion, a visit with a parent or legal guardian who is an active duty member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Public Health Service and who has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or has immediately returned from deployment to a combat zone or combat support posting.
- M. Other circumstances which, in the judgment of the Superintendent, constitute a good and sufficient cause for absence from school, including, but not limited to circumstances which are out of a student's control and which cause his/her absence due to the District's implementation of a "Remote Learning Plan" under H.B. 164, or "Blended Learning Policy" under R.C. 3301.079, if adopted by the Board.

An absence for any reason other than those listed above shall be classified as unexcused.

All excuses from parents, as well as other documents pertaining to a student's enrollment, attendance, and withdrawal from the District, shall become a part of the official attendance record and shall be maintained regardless of format or condition.

A student shall have the opportunity to make up school work missed due to an excused absence; however, it shall be the responsibility of the student to initiate a make-up procedure and schedule with his or her teacher(s). All make-up work shall be completed within a reasonable time following the excused absence. A student shall receive full credit for school work made up pursuant to an excused absence.

The principal or his or her designee may request written verification of a student's illness from a physician licensed to practice medicine in the state in the event of frequent or extended absences attributed to personal illness.

A student must be in attendance at school for half of the school day in order to participate in any school-sponsored activity that is conducted on that day; in cases of emergency the principal or his/her designee may grant an exception to this limitation.

LEGAL REFS: O.R.C. §§3301.60; 3321.041; 3321.13
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