

ATTENDANCE POLICIES

If a student is absent from school for any reason, a parent must call the office **EACH DAY (509) 782-2001 BY 9:00 AM. (For student safety) ABSENCES NOT CLEARED WITHIN 48 HOURS WILL BE CONSIDERED UNEXCUSED/TRUANT.**

Any absence NOT DUE to illness or Dr. Appointment requires a written note from a parent/guardian and must be pre-approved by the principal, 24 hours before absence. (family trip, non-school sport, etc.)

After 12 absences, a parent will no longer be allowed to excuse their student. The accepted excused absence will be: WAC-392-401-020 Excused absences.

Absences due to the following reasons must be excused:

- (1) Illness, health condition, or medical appointment (including, but not limited to, medical, counseling, dental, optometry, pregnancy, and in-patient treatment for chemical dependency or mental health) for the student or person for whom the student is legally responsible;
- (2) Family emergency including, but not limited to, a death or illness in the family;
- (3) Religious or cultural purpose including observance of a religious or cultural holiday or participation in religious or cultural instruction;
- (4) Court, judicial proceeding, court-ordered activity, or jury service;
- (5) Post-secondary, technical school or apprenticeship program visitation, or scholarship interview;
- (6) State-recognized search and rescue activities consistent with RCW 28A.225.055;
- (7) Absence directly related to the student's homeless or foster care/dependency status;
Absences related to deployment activities of a parent or legal guardian who is an active duty member consistent with RCW 28A.705.010;
- (8) Absences due to suspensions, expulsions, or emergency expulsions imposed pursuant to Chapter 392-400 WAC if the student is not receiving educational services and is not enrolled in qualifying "course of study" activities as defined in WAC 392-121-107;
- (9) Absences due to student safety concerns, including absences related to threats, assaults, or bullying;
- (10) Absences due to a student's migrant status; and
- (11) An approved activity that is consistent with district policy and is mutually agreed upon by the principal or designee and a parent, guardian, or emancipated youth.

A school principal or designee has the authority to determine if an absence meets the above criteria for an excused absence. Districts may define additional categories or criteria for excused absences.

If a student is absent for any medical counseling appointment, please bring a note or have it faxed to (509) 782-2547 from the healthcare provider, it will not count against the 12 absences with a health care provider note.

To check your student's attendance, sign onto your Skyward account.

If your student has an appointment

Please send a **NOTE**,

With your student in the **morning** for the office staff.

This will help with interruptions to the classroom.

THANK YOU!