

STUDENT ABSENCES AND EXCUSES (GRADES 7-12)

Absences from school have an important bearing on academic performance and on successfully meeting requirements for promotion and graduation.

The main reasons for absences that are excusable are illness, personal reasons involving the family, and family emergency. Absences due to other factors should be excused before the absence. A medical excuse may be required when deemed appropriate after several days of absence from school. A parent conference will be arranged after the 10th day of absence, if deemed necessary by the administration.

An excessive number of absences from school, or from attendance in a particular course for the school year, will necessitate the evaluation of promotion or course credit for the school year involved. Arrangements for home-bound instruction in case of a prolonged illness may be arranged by the school system where appropriate.

The recommendation of the principal may be appealed to the superintendent.

Tardiness

If there is an excuse for tardiness, the attendance office should be contacted by or visited by the parent. Any student who is tardy will report to the attendance office for admission to homeroom or class. Tardiness is excused only for the same reasons as absence, unless for late arrival of buses.

Legal References: TITLE 20A MRSA SEC. 5001-A

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