

**Northwest Regional  
Education Service District  
Policy**

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### **Student Absences and Excuses**

The Board considers regular attendance essential for educational success. All students are expected to attend school as required by law and Board policy.

The supervising administrator will be responsible for assessing and acting upon parental requests for students to be excused for such things as vacation trips, parental business trips, other family activities when arranged in advance with the teacher.

The supervising administrator has the authority to excuse students for absences due to illness, educational/occupational interviews, quarantine, bereavement or serious illness in the family, inclement weather, religious instruction or emergencies. Physicians, psychiatrists, psychologists, dentists and similar professionals may request permission for students' excused absences.

Students may be excused on a limited basis from a particular preplanned classroom activity or from selected portions of the established curriculum on the basis of personal, disability, religious or ethnic considerations.

A student who is excused must still fulfill the NWRESD's requirements.

NWRESD staff working in component school districts shall comply with local district policies and procedures.

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.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 109.056](#)  
[ORS 334.125 \(7\)](#)  
[ORS 339.030](#)  
[ORS 339.065](#)  
[ORS 339.420](#)

[OAR 581-021-0046](#)  
[OAR 581-021-0050](#)  
[OAR 581-022-1910](#)  
[OAR 581-023-0006 \(11\)](#)

**Cross Reference(s):**

IGBHD - Program Exemptions