

Attendance Updates

Reasons a student may be excused from in-person learning or remote learning:

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(1) Absences due to the following reasons must be excused:

- (a) Illness, health condition or medical appointment (including, but not limited to, medical, counseling, dental, optometry, pregnancy, and in-patient or out-patient treatment for chemical dependency or mental health) for the student or person for whom the student is le-gally responsible;
- (b) Family emergency including, but not limited to, a death or illness in the family;
- (c) Religious or cultural purpose, including observance of a religious or cultural holiday or participation in religious or cultural instruction;
- (d) Court, judicial proceeding, court-ordered activity, or jury service;
- (e) Post-secondary, technical school or apprenticeship program visitation, or scholarship interview;
- (f) State-recognized search and rescue activities consistent with RCW 28A.225.055;
- (g) Absence directly related to the student's homeless or foster care/dependency status;
- (h) Absences related to deployment activities of a parent who is an active duty member consistent with RCW 28A.705.010;
- (i) Absences due to suspensions, expulsions or emergency expul-sions 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;
- (j) Absences due to student safety concerns, including absences related to threats, assaults, or bullying;
- (k) Absences due to a student's migrant status;
- (l) An approved activity that is consistent with district policy and is mutually agreed upon by the principal or designee and a parent or emancipated youth;
- (m) Absences related to the student's illness, health condition, or medical appointments due to COVID-19;
- (n) Absences related to caring for a family member who has an illness, health condition, or medical appointment due to COVID-19;
- (o) Absences related to the student's employment or other family obligations during regularly scheduled school hours that are tempora-rily necessary due to COVID-19 until other arrangements can be made, including placement in a more flexible education program;
- (p) Absences due to the student's parent's work schedule or other obligations during regularly scheduled school hours, until other ar-rangements can be made;
- (q) Absences due to the student's lack of necessary instructional tools, including internet broadband access or connectivity; and
- (r) Other COVID-19 related circumstances as determined between school and parent or emancipated youth.

(2) A school principal or designee has the authority to determine if an absence meets the above criteria for an excused absence.

(3) School districts may define additional categories or criteria for excused absences