

Documentation of Independent Student Status

Legal Reference: 34 CFR Part 99, Sections 99.5 (a), (b), (c) and 99.31 (a) and (8) and (9) (i)



Student Name _____ DOB _____

Email _____ Telephone # _____

Sending High School _____

Program _____ Session _____

At the age of eighteen (18), adult students attain certain rights regarding their education and student records. Complete and return this form to New Market's front office.

_____ agrees to the following (please initial next to each):

_____ I agree to assume responsibility for all of my education and behavior. I understand the expectation that I will act responsibly regarding all school and district policies and if problems arise, the staff will deal directly with me as necessary.

_____ I agree to appropriate use of the attendance policy. I will clear all of my absences through the attendance procedures. I understand an attendance rate of 90% is the expectation for all students with independent status. (Attendance Policy information on back of page)

*Pursuant to 34 CFR 99.31 (a)(8) student records are disclosable to parents of an eighteen (18) year old student when the student is claimed as a dependent by the parents for income tax purposes. Release of student records to the parents is permissible without the student's consent.

_____ I have read the above FERPA regulation and my parent/guardian does **OR** does not claim me as a dependent for income tax purposes.

Please continue to send all school related mailings (attendance, grades, and educational records) to home address/phone number on file.

OR

Please change home address/primary phone to independent student.

New Address: _____

New Primary Phone: _____

- Please choose **ONE**:
- Keep Parent/Guardian as "Family #2" in Skyward
 - Move Parent/Guardian to Emergency Contact in Skyward
 - Remove Parent/Guardian completely from Skyward

Student Signature

Date

Official Use Only

Administrator Review Scheduled: _____

Admin Initials: _____

Attendance Policy Information

Leave a message on the attendance line @ 360-570-4501 or email
nmsc.attendance@tumwater.k12.wa.us

- All absences must be excused within **48 hours** from the date of the initial absence or they will be considered unexcused.
- Tardiness is defined as not being in the classroom at the assigned start to the class period. If a student misses more than 30 minutes of class, the student will be considered unexcused-absent, not tardy.
- A call goes home after every unexcused absence.
 - After 5 Unexcused Absences - a letter is sent home and sending school is notified.
 - After 10 Unexcused Absences - a letter is sent home, sending school is notified, and the student must meet with the Director of Student Services.
 - After 20 Consecutive Unexcused Absences - the student is unenrolled from New Market. If a student wishes to re-enroll, they must attend a meeting with the Director of Student Services.

Please use the following guide for examples of appropriate and inappropriate use.

Appropriate Use:

- Personal Illness/Health Condition
- Family Emergency
- Impassable roads or weather
- Religious Observance
- COVID related/Quarantine
- Required Court or Judicial Proceeding/Court-ordered Activity
- Medical Appointment
- Post-Secondary Appointments/Interviews
- Other pre-approved reasons (No greater than 5 days per school year.)

Inappropriate Use:

- Loitering around perimeter of school or nearby community areas
- Smoking on or near campus
- Leaving campus during lunch for any purpose other than those approved above
- Trespassing on neighboring properties
- Transporting other students without appropriate approval
- Leaving campus any time during the day without proper permission
 - NOTE: all students are required to sign out in the front office for any reason. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action and/or legal action.

More information can be found at:

<https://www.tumwater.k12.wa.us/cms/lib/WA01001561/Centricity/Domain/1157/3122%20Excused%20and%20Unexcused%20Absences%20.pdf>