

Rogue River School District #35 Attendance Policies/Procedures

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Purpose

The Rogue River School District attendance handbook is to provide a guide to district employees for district systems and expectations regarding attendance. The district attendance goal is to achieve and maintain a goal of 92% overall attendance.

Oregon Legislature and Oregon Department of Education

The Oregon legislature states all children between the ages of 6 and 18 years who have not completed the 12th grade are required to regularly attend a public full-time school during the entire school term. School districts should adopt an attendance notification policy that meets the state requirements based on <u>A- Engrossed House Bill 3197</u>.

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Attendance Strategies and Best Practices

Tier I: All students receive strategies

Positive School Culture:

- Positive, visual, and verbal messaging about the importance of good (not perfect) attendance for students, families, and the community/incentives when appropriate.
- School communication is provided in both English and language spoken at home.
- Positive supports & interventions providing clear policies and expectations related to school behavior, opportunities to practice and recognition.
- Every student identifies, by name, a positive relationship with at least one adult in the building.
- Consideration for equity reflected in practice.
- Courses are relevant, engaging, and accessible to meet the needs of a diverse student population.
- Students' educational experience reflects consideration for the 'whole child.'

Data:

- Access to real-time, accurate attendance data and teams to analyze and respond to the students at risk or experiencing chronic absences early and/or with pre-determined frequently.
- Close monitoring of attendance in the first month of school.
- Daily phone calls
- Attendance letter mailed home per Oregon State expectations.

Health:

- Clear policies on when students should and should not stay home with an illness are communicated to families.
- Precautionary measures to keep students and staff healthy e.g., cover your cough, hand washing.
- Every student has adequate nutrition.
- Systems in place to identify and respond to the social-emotional needs of students.
- Families and students are aware of local resources to meet health care, dental and social-emotional needs.

Transportation:

• Every student has a safe route to school.

Tier II (Includes Tier I strategies)

- Home visits
- Success and graduation coaches
- Wraparound services
- Positive Attendance Specialist
- Parent conferences

- Attendance success plan
- Goal setting & incentives
- Morning check-in

Tier III (Includes Tier I and Tier II strategies)

- Support plan for absences.
- Comprehensive wraparound services

Attendance procedures by site

Special Programs

- Ensure attendance meetings are scheduled
 - o all attendance meetings begin the first week of September and end the last week of May. Attendance meetings take place weekly, unless otherwise notes

• Attendance Team Members

- Monitoring and intervention of attendance needs.
- Liaison between school, parents, community, police authorities and courts
- Comply with district, state, and federal laws, policies and procedures around attendance.
- Provide referral-driven and strengths-based intervention services to children and families where irregular attendance is an issue.
- Conduct home visits for address verification and student safety concerns
- Issue citations, prepare factual court reports and attend school conferences and court hearings as requested.
- Participate in school/community collaborative efforts to improve services and support to students with attendance problems.
- Keep track of interdistrict transfer students' attendance.
- Partner with admin, staff, and community partners to assist families in becoming successful

Special Programs Data Specialist

- Assist in data collection
- Correct inaccuracies in attendance toward state reports for ADM

Rogue River Elementary

- Student and Family Handbook
- Attendance Letters
 - Residency Letter.docx
 - W 8 and 1/2 day letter.docx
 - RRES 5 day notice.docx
 - RRES 10 day drop letter.docx

Secretary

- Check phone messages and answer phone calls to verify daily absences.
- Calls are made to the caregiver of a student with an unverified absence within two hours of school starting. If unable to reach the caregiver on file, a message will be left.
- Update the caregiver on the current number of absences and give a heads-up to

- any potential letters/ mailings.
- Log all calls in Synergy
- Mark absences appropriately
- Update student records
 - only change attendance codes 3 days prior
 - gather data on 5 and 10 day consecutive absences and 8 ½ days within a 4 week period.
 - Send attendance letters for appropriate days' absences.
 - Withdrawal students for 10 consecutive days and send withdrawal letters to caregivers.
- Meet with attendance liaison and admin as needed.
- Ensure attendance percentages, tardies and lates are on all reports cards.

• Teaching staff

- All teachers are to take attendance daily within 15 minutes of starting class.
- Late/tardy students will return to the office to be checked in.

Rogue River Jr/Sr High School

- Student and Family Handbook
- Attendance Letters
 - Residency Letter.docx
 - W Letter of Concern.docx
 - WJRSR 5 day notice.docx
 - W JRSR 10 day drop letter.docx

• Attendance Secretary

- Check phone messages and answer phone calls to verify daily absences.
- Calls are made to the caregiver of a student with an unverified absence within two hours of school starting. If unable to reach the caregiver on file, a message will be left.
- Update student records
 - only change attendance codes 3 days prior
 - gather data on 5 and 10 day consecutive absences and 8 ½ days within a 4 week period.
 - send attendance letters for appropriate days' absences.
 - withdrawal students for 10 consecutive days and send withdrawal letters to caregivers.
- o Participate in attendance team.
- Run a daily period attendance verification report, fix and update errors in the student information system.
- Run a daily report for coaches of athletes that are absent, tardy or late. Email reports to coaches daily.

• Run and send out daily absence error report at the end of each day to all staff for review and make changes to attendance as needed.

Secretary

- Working knowledge of board policies, enrollment and withdrawal procedures.
- Maintain dropout data for administration and annual state reports.
- Assist the attendance secretary with phone calls, late/ tardies slips as needed.
- Ensure that attendance percentages, tardies and lates are on all reports cards prior to printing.

• Teaching Staff

- All teachers take attendance daily within 5 minutes of starting class.
- Late/tardy students will return to the office to be checked in.

South Valley Academy

- Student and Family Handbook
- Attendance Letters
 - Residency Letter.docx
 - Letter of Concern.docx
 - WSVA 5 day notice.docx
 - SVA 10 day drop letter.docx

Secretary

- Check phone messages and answer phone calls to verify daily absences.
- Update student records
 - only change attendance codes 3 days prior
 - gather data on 5 and 10 day consecutive absences and 8 ½ days within a 4 week period.
 - send attendance letters for appropriate days' absences.
 - withdrawal students for 10 Consecutive days and send withdrawal letters to caregivers.
 - Meet with Attendance Liaison and Admin as needed.
 - Ensure attendance percentages are on all reports cards prior to printing.

Teaching staff

- o Teachers keep track of students' attendance daily.
- Review unverified absences on day three.

Intradistrict/Interdistrict Transfer (Applications)

Rogue River school district requires all parents/ guardians to apply for an <u>inter</u> district/intradistrict transfer if they wish to enter/ exit the district.

Attendance Codes/ Descriptions

Rogue River School Districts uses the following codes in Synergy to identify all absences within the district.

Served C/K

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Non-Participant

- (A) Absent
- (B) Bus Delay
- (C) Cut / Truant (on Campus)
- (D) Delay Administrative/ Staff
- (E) Early Dismissal
- (F) Field trip/ School Activity off Campus
- (G) Medical
- (H) Homebound
- (I) In-School Suspension
- (K) Cut/truant (Off Campus)
- (L) Late to school; after 10 minutes
- (M) Mental Health Day
- (N) Sick room
- (O) Out-of School Suspension
- (P) Planned Absence
- (Q) Bereavement
- (R) Religious
- (S) School Activity (On Campus)
- (T) Tardy to class
- (U) Tardy Excused
- (V) Absence verified by Parent
- (E) Excused Absence

Rogue River District policies

- o Graduation Exercises
- JE Attendance
- JEA-AR Compulsory Attendance Notices and Citations**
- o JEDA Truancy
- o JECF Interdistrict Transfer of Resident Students**
- o JECBB-AR Intradistrict Transfer Procedures**
- JECB-AR(2) Interdistrict Contract with Students**

o <u>JECB Admission of Nonresident Students</u>