

ATTENDANCE POLICY

A student's contribution to and achievement in class are directly related to attendance. Both students and parents must understand that students miss a vital portion of their education when they are absent from school.

While it is true written work can be completed for make-up, class instruction or presentations, discussions, some audio-visual presentations, or student-teacher interaction can never be made up.

Certain absences of students will be excused by the principal on receiving acceptable explanation from the parent or guardian. These absences may include:

1. Illness or quarantine.
2. Bereavement or serious illness in family.
3. Weather so inclement as to endanger the health of the child.
4. For observance of major religious holidays.

A child may also be excused for other exceptional reasons with approval of the school principal. Also with such approval, students may be excused from up to five days each term for attendance at a state or nationally recognized youth program of educational value.

In instances of chronic or irregular absence reportedly due to illness, the school administration may request a physician's statement certifying such absences to be justifiable. Any absence other than excused absence is considered truancy.

The principals, in consultation with teachers, will develop specific attendance procedures for students in their administrative units, subject to approval by the superintendent and review and adoption by the board.

Students may apply to the Wall School Board for classification as a special student. Special student status would allow the student to be excused from the attendance requirements because of an extraordinary circumstance. (Circumstances may include, but not limited to: medical problems, pregnancy, economic problems, etc.)

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