

STUDENTS

ATTENDANCE – Absences and Excuses

The Regional Office of Education believes that an educational system is organized on the basic premise that all students shall regularly attend school. Any extended absence from school means loss to the absentee; extended absences may cause serious loss; and all justifiable absences should be for genuinely good reasons.

Absences for the following reasons are justifiable and, therefore, will be excused:

1. Illness of pupils.
2. Death of relative or near friend.
3. Accident or emergency.
4. Prearranged Absences:

The following absences are excused if notice is provided 3 school days prior to the event.

- a. Medical and dental appointments that cannot be arranged for out-of-school hours. (Absences should be prearranged if possible.)
- b. Religious holidays or other religious causes.
- c. Trips on school business
- d. Vacation periods with parent/legal guardians.
- e. Absences for student competition and performances.

All other absences shall be considered unexcused and may be interpreted as truancy.

Regional Office of Education administration shall provide rules and guidelines for excused, unexcused, and prearranged absences to all students and their parents or guardians.

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Hamer v. Board of Education 383 NE 2d 231 (1978)
P.A. 84-212.

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