

## STUDENT ABSENCES - EXCUSED

Regular attendance by students is essential for students to obtain the maximum opportunities from the education program. Parents and students alike are encouraged to ensure an absence from school is a necessary absence

There are two categories of absences – “school excused” and “not school excused.” School excused absences are those outside the control of the parent or child and are documented, such as illness, court, death of a family member, suspension, or attendance at a school sponsored activity in which a sibling is participating. Not school excused absences, in excess of 25, involve those that may lead to reporting to the county attorney and are divided into parent acknowledged absences (where the absences were the parent’s responsibility to oversee or monitor but were at least communicated to the school such as undocumented illness, vacations and medical appointments) and other absences (those not communicated to the school or for which there was no apparent reason).

Students who wish to participate in school-sponsored activities must attend school for one half day the day of the activity unless permission has been given by the principal for the student to be absent.

It shall be the responsibility of the parent to notify the student's attendance center as soon as the parent knows the student will not be attending school on that day. The principal may request evidence or written verification of the student's reason for absence.

It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent, in conjunction with the principal, to develop administrative regulations regarding this policy.

Legal Reference:               Neb. Statute 79-209  
  NDE Rule 10.012.01B

Cross Reference:             505    Student Discipline  
  506    Student Activities  
  507    Student Records