

**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 20, 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 be in attendance at school four consecutive periods on that day's co-curricular or extra-curricular event if they are to be eligible to participate in that event, including discretionary approval of the sponsor. If an event requires an early dismissal from school in which there is less than four periods of attendance, the student must attend all periods before the dismissal.

Students must be in attendance at school four consecutive periods on that day to participate in practices beginning after the school day.

An exception can be made with a pre-excused absence or circumstances beyond the control of the student. It is the responsibility of the parent to notify the school of the excused absence or circumstance prior to the event or practice. The administration reserves the right to limit student participation in co- and extra- curricular activities when deemed necessary.

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