

Dell Rapids School District #49-3



Policies and Regulations Code: JED – Students

JED STUDENT ABSENCES AND EXCUSES

A student's contributions 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 that 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 receipt of a written, signed explanation from the parent or guardian. These absences will include:

1. Illness, quarantine, or medical appointments.
2. Bereavement or serious illness in the family.
3. Participation in school-sponsored activities.
4. Weather so inclement as to endanger the health of the child.
5. For observance of major religious holidays.

A child may also be excused for other reasons when requested by a parent with approval of the school administrator. Also, with such approval, students may be excused from school attendance for 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.

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