

EXCUSED AND UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

It is the policy of the Eastmont School District Board of Directors that consistent attendance is essential to the success of all students in the Eastmont School District. Students who miss critical instruction in key concepts quickly fall behind in school and are less likely to achieve academic success. Accordingly, school attendance is mandatory, and unexcused absences and truancy are prohibited within Eastmont School District.

To combat unexcused absences and truancy, all schools in Eastmont are dedicated to providing racially, culturally, and age appropriate instruction and interventions and supports to remove barriers to consistent daily attendance. Furthermore, all schools in Eastmont are dedicated to increasing the meaningful involvement of families in all aspects of their students' lives, including in the reduction of absences.

Eastmont School District believes that school-based interventions and supports allow schools to address the needs and barriers of specific students, and allow families to become directly involved in their student's school life. Additionally, interventions and supports are an important supplement to school-based interventions. Generally, judicial action will be the final intervention utilized.

The superintendent or designee is granted the authority to develop procedures in order to implement this policy.

Cross References:

Board Policy 3120	Enrollment
Board Policy 3230	Student Privacy and Searches
Board Policy 3240	Student Conduct
Board Policy 3241	Classroom Management, Discipline, and Corrective Actions
Board Policy 4218	Language Access Plan

Legal References:

RCW 13.34.300	Relevance of failure to cause juvenile to attend school to neglect petition
RCW 28A.225	Compulsory school attendance and admission
WAC 392-400-325	Statewide definition of excused and unexcused daily absences

Management Resources:

Policy & Legal News, July 2017
Policy & Legal News, July 2016

Policy & Legal News, June 2015
Policy & Legal News, December 2012
Policy News, December 2011
Policy News, June 2001