

The Board of Trustees of Camas County School District #121 is determined that students attend school in a manner consistent with society's workplace expectations. Attendance reflects a student's dependability and is a significant factor on his/her permanent record. Future employers are as much concerned about punctuality and dependability as they are about the academic record. School success, scholarship, and job opportunity are greatly affected by a good attendance record.

The state of Idaho requires compulsory attendance of students within the state (Idaho Code 33-202) as a result Camas County School District #121 requires that students be in attendance 90% of the time. If a student is not in class 90% of the time they will be referred to the Attendance Review committee for a determination on loss of credit (at the secondary level) or non-promotion at the (elementary level). The attendance review committee will be comprised of the principal, school counselor, and two teachers. They will examine the circumstances for absenteeism; the attendance of the student after reaching the 90% limit; any documentation received pertaining to absences; and will take into account academic performance in reaching a decision. Any student who receives a no credit from the Attendance Review Committee will be required to finish the term in that class.

Absence from class for any reason shall be counted when the percentage of attendance and consequent eligibility for promotion or loss of credit is being considered. Absences related to school activities will not be counted. If the absences are related to medical reasons, emergencies or extraordinary circumstances then the committee will review the students file for notes from the parent/guardian or doctor. Notes from the Parent/Guardian or doctor must be delivered to the attendance clerk upon the students return to school in order to be placed in their file. The Board realizes that absences may be a result of extraordinary circumstances due to:

- A death in the family
- Extended illness validated by a physician (2 or more days)
- Religious holidays not on the school calendar

Any decision from the Attendance Review Committee may be appealed to the Superintendent and the Board of Trustees. Appeals must be submitted in writing one week prior to the end of the term in question or within ten working days of the decision from the Attendance Review Committee.

Truancy

Absences without the consent of a parent/guardian and/or school officials are considered trancies. Any absence from one or more class periods without an oral or written excuse from the student's parents/guardian within 24 hours may be considered truant.

Students who are absent for five (5) consecutive school days without verification to the school shall be dropped from the school rolls and a report made to the local authorities about a possible violation of Compulsory Attendance Law for those to whom it applies.

The home will be notified immediately after the first truancy and a conference with the student will be held informing the student of his/her rights and responsibilities by the administrator. The juvenile officer may be notified at the administrator's discretion. After the second violation the student will serve immediate detention and a conference will be held with the parent/guardians. A third truancy will make the student subject to action leading to expulsion from school and violation of the Compulsory Attendance Law. In all truancy cases the student will have no make-up privileges for those classes.

Pre-arranged absences

If a parent/guardian knows that a student is going to be absent ahead of time they need to notify the school and fill out a pre-arranged absence form. Pre-arranged absences show a good faith effort on the part of the parents to notify the school district. This will be considered if a student is in excess of the 90% policy.



LEGAL REFERENCE:

Idaho Code Section 33-506
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