



Wilmot Union High School

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Compulsory Attendance

Regular attendance is essential to a student's academic success and students are expected to attend their scheduled classes. Additionally, Wisconsin Statute s.118.165(1) states "Any person having legal custody of a child who is between the ages of six (6) and eighteen (18) years shall cause the child to attend school regularly during the full period and hours (except religious holiday) that the public or private school in which the child should be enrolled is in session until the end of the school term, quarter, or semester of the school year in which the child becomes eighteen (18) years of age".

Reporting an Absence

To excuse an absence parents must provide one of the following, stating the reason for and expected length of the absence:

- written signed note, faxed to 262-862-6929 or hand delivered
- email to attendance@wilmoths.k12.wi.us or
- a phone call to the attendance hotline: 262-862-2351 ext. 500

To be excused, absences must be reported prior to or on the day of the original day of absence.

Any absences reported after the fact will not be excused unless accompanied by confirmation of a licensed medical practitioner or court official.

The District reserves the right to verify statements and investigate absences from school.

Excused Absences *

Students **shall** be excused for the following reasons:

- Permission of Parent or Guardian (*limited to 10 days in a school year and must be reported **prior** to the absence*)
- Physical or Mental Condition (*certified note in order to verify may be required*)
- Participation in an alternative educational program
- Religious Instruction
- Religious Holiday

Student **may** be excused for the following reasons:

- Quarantine by public health officer
- Illness of immediate family member
- Emergency

**** Please see the Student/Parent Handbook for further clarification***

Truancy

A student is considered truant if he or she is absent for part or all of one or more days from school and the High School Office has not been notified by the parent or legal guardian of the legal cause for the absence. Consequences for trancies include, but are not limited to, after school detention (late bussing is provided), referral to law enforcement, filing of truancy petitions and referral to the Kenosha County Court.

A student is considered a habitual truant if he or she is absent from school without an acceptable excuse for part or all of five (5) or more days during a semester. In such cases the Principal or designee shall ensure that all applicable provisions of the District's Truancy Plan are carried out.

A student will also be considered truant if he or she has been absent intermittently for the purpose of defeating the intent of the Wisconsin Compulsory Attendant Statute – Sec. 118.15.