

STUDENT ABSENCES & EXCUSES

The State statute shall prevail in regard to pupil absence. The following provisions may be accepted as reasonable excuses for non-attendance:

- A. Legitimate illness
- B. Court appearances
- C. Driver's examination
- D. Medical or dental appointments
- E. College interviews for seniors*
- F. Work interview for seniors*
- G. Observance of recognized religious holidays

*Must be approved in advance by Director of Guidance

When a student is absent from school, a note from the parents giving the reason for this absence shall be required when he/she returns.

When students are absent from school and the teacher does not know the reason for this absence, or cannot reasonably ascertain through brother, sister, or neighbor the reason for this absence, a telephone call to the home shall be made to determine cause of absence. This call is done more to insure the safety of the student. Parents shall be encouraged to either call the school or send notes with brothers, sisters, or neighbors, explaining the absences of students. Principals shall be free to set up their own administrative procedures for carrying out the intent of this regulation.

Absences due to family plans such as trips, vacations, especially those of a special or unusual nature, may be approved by principals when permission is requested in advance and provisions made for make-up.

Legal Reference: Title 20A MRS Sec. 5001-A

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