

**STUDENT AND PERSONNEL  
SERIES 500**

**501.1**

**TITLE: Attendance Requirements**

Compulsory Attendance

Children between the ages of seven and sixteen residing in the school district are required to attend school as set forth in Idaho Code § 33-202.

The Wilder School District requires each child to be present in school at least 90% of the total school days each year.

Student attendance at school is the responsibility of parents or legal guardians and students. In order to assist parents or legal guardians in fulfilling their responsibility in this regard, the District shall make their best effort to keep them informed of student absences.

An adequate and comprehensive system of attendance record keeping shall be maintained for each student. Each teacher shall be responsible for accurate reporting of daily attendance in his/her classroom. The building principal shall submit attendance information to the Clerk of the Board in a timely fashion so that attendance reports to the Idaho Department of Education can be submitted as required.

Credits shall not be granted for subjects in grades six through twelve, if a student is absent from class more than nine days during a semester - unless there are acceptable documented unavoidable absences circumstances. An absence from class is whenever the student is not physically in that class.

When an extended illness does not permit attendance in school, and the student qualifies, and funding is available, homebound services may be arranged for the student. Upon satisfactory completion of the assignments in a homebound program and upon satisfactory performance on district measures of competence, credit shall be granted and the school attendance requirement waived.

Definition of Absence and Truancy

Truancy is defined as: The act or condition of being absent without permission. For example, a student who is on campus, but not in the appropriate classroom or location will be considered truant.

A student is considered absent from class if he/she is not physically present for more than 75% of the class.

An **excused** absence is one which is reported to the office by a parent/guardian within 2 school days of the absence or is the result of participation in school activities. It will be the responsibility of the student to arrange for and complete any make-up work given for an excused absence.

Such penalties as shall be deemed suitable and appropriate for truanancies and excessive absences by the superintendent and staff approved by the Board of Education shall be instituted and applied in order to discourage undue and inappropriate absenteeism.

Attendance rules and regulations instituted by the superintendent and staff in compliance with this policy shall be articulated in the student handbooks of each school and shall be disseminated to all students and their parents upon entrance into the Wilder schools. Changes in the handbooks may be disseminated annually as separate pages to be included in the handbooks.

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