

ATTENDANCE

RSA 193:1 requires that a parent of any child at least 6 years of age shall cause such child to attend the public school to which the child is assigned in his/her resident district, with the following exceptions.

- (A) The child is attending a public school outside the district to which he/she is assigned or an approved private school for the school year.
- (B) The child is receiving home education.
- (C) The relevant school district superintendent has excused a child because the child is physically or mentally unable to attend school, or has been temporarily excused upon the request of the parent for such purposes agreed upon by the school authorities and the parent. Such excused absences shall not be permitted if they cause a serious adverse effect upon the student's educational progress. Students excused for such temporary absences may be claimed as full-time pupils for the purpose of calculating state aid under the appropriate statute.

It is recognized that absence from school may be necessary under certain conditions. However, every effort should be made by students, parents, teachers, and administrators to keep absences and tardiness to a minimum.

Student attendance at school is basically the responsibility of the parents and students. In order for the parents to fulfill their responsibility, the school will keep them informed of excessive student absences.

The Board recognizes two kinds of absences: excused absence and truancy.

Excused absence is absence because of illness, absence for participation in school activities, or necessary absence with the approval of the school. Any absence other than excused absence is considered truancy.

Leaving School Without Administrative Approval - Once on the school grounds after 8:30 a.m., or once a student has boarded a school bus in the morning, the student is considered to be "in school" and, therefore, subject to all school regulations. If a student leaves school after this point, the student will be considered as leaving school without administrative permission or approval. Before a student may leave school, the student must report to the office and receive permission from the principal.

No student regardless of age or previous parental/guardian contact may leave school grounds during the day without administrative approval.