Cascade High School

Attendance Guidelines/ BECCA Law



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 Attendance Secretary – Rhonda Covert
 (425) 385-6004

FAX
 (425) 385-6002

Main Office
 (425) 385-6000



Definitions

- Absences: Failure to attend class. Everett Public Schools views any absence as a time when a student is not in class after the first 10 minutes.
- **Excused Absence**: Absences for which there is parent/guardian documentation excusing the absence(s). Everett Public Schools expects that when a student is not in class either a staff member has excused the student or parents/guardians are aware and have given permission for one of the district-approved reasons.
- Unexcused Absences: No parent/guardian or staff documentation verifying the absence or an absence not meeting district criteria of excused.
- **Truancy:** A student out of class without an authorized pass during class time is considered truant. As a matter of safety during the school day, it is important that all students are supervised and accounted for. Truancy (skipping class) will result in disciplinary action. Forged notes/messages will result in discipline for truancy and/or altering of records.
- **Tardies:** Tardies are a discipline and safety issue and will be dealt with as such. Students are expected to be in class ready to learn when the bell rings. If the lateness is excused, it is the student's responsibility to communicate this with the teacher with proper documentation.



Reasons for Absences

Excusable Absences

- Illness / Health related issue
- Family Emergency
- Religious Observance
- Court Appearance
- Funeral

Pre-Arranged Absences

- College visits
- Family trips/vacations
- Routine health care appointments
- School-initiated activities

Unexcused Absences

- Reasons not allowed by the school
- Note not submitted within 2 school days



Reporting an Absence

- Absences need to be excused within 2 school days of the student's return. Notes may be turned in to the attendance office or faxed to (425) 385-6002. Absences will be recorded as unexcused if appropriate documentation is not received.
 - Notes must be turned in before 10:00 AM
- Notes turned into the attendance office must include the following information:
 - Student Name
 - Student ID Number
 - Date(s) of Absence(s)
 - Phone Number Where Note Can be Verified
 - Signature of Parent/Guardian
 - Reason for the Absence



BECCA Law - overview

- Named after teenager, Rebecca Hedman
- The 1995 Washington Legislature enacted a bill governing At-Risk Youth, runaways, truancy, and other issues affecting non-offender youth and their families



BECCA Law - components

- School must communicate unexcused absences to students and parent/guardians
- 7 or more unexcused absences in a month or 10 unexcused absences in a year
- School is required to file petition with juvenile court



Initial Hearing AKA Fact Finding Hearing

- At Denney Juvenile Justice Center
- Students no longer provided legal representation at this court hearing
 - Individual court hearings scheduled in front of the commissioner
- Student and/or parent/guardian signs "Order to Abate Truancy"



Contempt Hearing

- Students are assigned legal representation during all contempt hearings
- Motion to Show Cause for Contempt is filed upon violation of the Order To Abate Truancy
- Violation occurs upon future unexcused absences, skips, tardies, and/or suspensions



Consequences – include but not limited to:

- Community Service
- Court Assigned Essays and Journal Packets
- Detention Alternative Programs:
 - PASS
 - SWAP
 - JETS
- Detention



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 - Ms. Laura Phillips
- H O Mr. Dave Peters
- O Z Mrs. Stefani Koetje



Monitor Student Attendance

Learning Management System (LMS)

https://lms.everettsd.org



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If you have not received a letter, please make certain to contact your child's school.

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