



# Attendance Requirements Agreement

Student Name  Grade  Age  Birth Date

Arlington Public Schools recognizes that regular school attendance is a key factor in academic success. Students who miss less than 9 days of school each year stay engaged, successful, and on track to meet standard.

**Did you know?**

**Attendance effects achievement.**

Chronically absent students statistically have lower achievement. Missing 10%, or about 18 days of the school year can drastically affect a student's academic success.

**Attendance = Graduation**

9th grade attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.

**Attendance is a team effort!**

All school staff are here to support students who are missing too much school.

**What we need from you:**

Support regular school attendance by sending your child to school every day

Establish regular evening routines

Send your child to school unless they show signs of severe illness including: fever, vomit, diarrhea, severe cough, strep throat or doctor order to stay home.

Schedule appointments and vacations outside of school hours when possible. If this is not possible, complete a pre-arranged absence form with the attendance office.

Call the school attendance line when your child is absent.

**Our promise to you:**

Track daily attendance and notice when your child is not at school.

Communicate with you to understand why your child is absent.

Work with you to identify barriers and supports available to overcome attendance challenges.

We are all here to support the success of your child.

**Important information regarding state attendance laws:**

The Becca Bill (RCW 28A.225.020) requires:

Students to attend school full time if they are between the ages of 8 - 17.

The school to provide information on attendance and have parents date and sign to acknowledge review of attendance information.

The school to notify you when your child has an unexcused absence.

The school to meet with families to identify barriers and develop a plan to improve attendance when the student has:

Three (3) unexcused absences in a month

Seven (7) unexcused absences in a month

Ten (10) unexcused absences in a year

Five (5) excused absences in a month (Elementary Only)

Ten (10) excused absences in a year (Elementary Only)

The school to file a petition with the Juvenile Court when students have Fifteen (15) unexcused absences in a year.

With my/our signature(s) below as parent/guardian(s), I/we agree to sending our child to school every day, on time, without any unexcused absences, skips or tardies.

Parent/Guardian Name

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

**Excused absence criteria (Please refer to Policy No. 3122P for more detail):**

A. Participation in school-approved activity

B. Absences due to illness, health condition, family emergency or religious purposes

C. Absence for parental-approved activities

D. Excused absence for chronic health condition

E. Extended illness or health condition

F. Absence resulting from disciplinary actions