

# School Attendance

## General Education & Special Education Students

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**All students are General Education Students.** Effective for the 2022/2023 School Year, a House Bill was passed in Washington State regarding **Mental Health Related Absences**.

The Definition of Absence, Excused and Unexcused, are found in Washington Administrative Code, WAC 392-401.

Washington Administrative Code WAC 392-401-020 **Excused absences**

Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) has a Comprehensive Guidance (August 22, 2022) on their website under Mental Health Related Absences.

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### Did You Know?!

This does not mean a student has access to unlimited absences if a Mental Health Related Absence.

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A school district may request the family to provide medical documentation before excusing an absence for mental health and school principals are "authorized" to determine if it meets the criteria for an excused absence under WAC 392-401-020.

### Did You Know?!

Absences could trigger a Child Find referral under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) or Section 504.

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If the student has an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or 504 Plan, it is important to review the following:

Revised Code of Washington RCW 28A.225.020 **School's duties upon child's failure to attend school**