

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ATHENS
COMPULSORY STUDENT ATTENDANCE**

#431

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The Board of Education encourages a strong partnership between the home, school, and community. The District believes that regular school attendance is critical to school success. If student learning and growth are to take place, parents/guardians, students and school personnel must recognize their responsibilities to assure regular attendance. From this interest, the District has developed a commitment to do whatever it can to help realize this goal.

In accordance with state law, all students between the ages of five (attending a five-year-old kindergarten program) and eighteen must attend school regularly during the full period and hours at least until the end of the school term, quarter, or semester in which the child becomes eighteen unless excused in accordance with state law. (Children age five who are not enrolled in a five-year-old kindergarten program are not required to attend school.)

The types of absences considered excused in the district for which students may be permitted to be absent from school are:

1. Excused temporarily from school attendance for personal illness or other reason defined in state law and the District's administrative procedures implementing this policy;
2. That parents may excuse their child for any reason with prior approval for up to 10 days in a school year;
3. Authorized to attend an alternative educational program or participate in another program or curriculum modification; or
4. Graduated from high school.
5. Medical, dental, chiropractic, optometric, or other pre-approved professional appointments, which should not exceed one-half day if at all possible. Parent(s)/guardian(s) are requested to make their appointments during non-school hours, if at all possible.
6. Special circumstances that show good cause and are approved in advance by the principal or his/her designee.

Students who were excused for the above type of absences are to ask for their assignments upon their return to school and should make up any work or tests missed as soon as possible but no later than two days after returning to school. One additional day will be allowed for each consecutive day of absence.

Students who were suspended will ~~not~~ be entitled to daily classroom make-up privileges and the absence is handled as an excused absence.

The Board of Education retains discretion in individual cases to amend these requirements with proof of extenuating circumstances.

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| LEGAL REFERENCE: | Sections | §118.15 | Wisconsin Statutes |
| | | §118.153 | |
| | | §118.16 | |
| | | §118.162 | |
| | | §118.165 | |