

BARNEVELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

COMPULSORY STUDENT ATTENDANCE

In accordance with state law, all children between six and eighteen years of age must attend school full time until the end of the term, quarter, or semester in which they become eighteen years of age, unless they have a legal excuse, have been authorized to attend an alternative educational program leading to high school graduation or a high school equivalency diploma or have graduated from high school.

Guidelines relating to school attendance shall be in accordance with Iowa County ordinances and state law. The School District of Barneveld shall not deny student credit in a course or subject solely because of a student's unexcused absences. Never the less, students may have grades lowered or have credit denied based on lack of participation.

Students may not be absent from school more than five (5) days per semester. Excused absences include the following (but may not exceed 5 days in any combination):

1. An advance request by a parent/guardian for a reason they deem appropriate and which is approved by the principal and meets the following requirements (such as vacations):
 - a. Notification to teachers and District office for planned extended absences is required prior to the absence.
 - b. Students are responsible to acquire each class obligation for make-up work which is due upon return.
2. Illness that is reported by the parent/guardian without seeking medical attention, but does not exceed the 5 day per semester total limit.

Absences excused outside the five (5) day limit per semester include:

1. Illness or medical appointments excused by medical documentation within 24 hours of returning to school;
2. Court or legal procedure excused by legal documentation;
3. Death or major illness in the immediate family; or
4. Long term/chronic illness documented by a Physician or verified by the school through a release of information signed by the guardian and provided to the school nurse;
5. In-school or out of school suspensions.

Medical/dental examinations should be scheduled after school whenever possible.

If a student is absent from school, it is expected that all missed tests, projects, and assignments will be taken according to the following procedures:

1. If the student knew of the exam in advance of the absence, the exam must be made up the day the student returns to school.
2. If a student did not know of the exam, or if the student had been absent for a long illness additional time will be allowed at the discretion of the teacher for not less than 2 days per day of absence.

Enforcement of student attendance policies and truancy procedures shall be a shared responsibility among the school, student, parent(s)/guardian(s), social service agencies, law enforcement officials and the community at large.

The Barneveld School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color religion, creed, age, national origin, ancestry, pregnancy, marital status, sexual orientation, or disability.

Legal References: Sections 118.15 (3)(C)

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