



Becca Notification and Attendance Requirements Agreement

Under state law (RCW 28A.225), students are required to attend school full-time, without unexcused absences, skips or tardies. It is important that you understand our school policies and procedures, as well as Washington State Law, to ensure your child is successful in school. State law for mandatory attendance, called the Becca Bill, requires children from ages 8 to 17 to attend a public school, private school, or a district-approved home school program. While children who are 6- or 7-years-old are not *required* to be enrolled in school, if parents have enrolled their students, the student must attend full-time.

We understand and agree to the following:

Communication: For each absence from school a written note, email or call to the school will be made to verify the absence. We will make it a priority to verify absences as soon as possible but no later than three (3) days of return to school. A school principal or designee **has the authority to determine if a verified absence meets the criteria for an excused absence.**

Unexcused: After seven (7) days of unexcused absences in any month (one day consists of more than half a school day) or ten (10) days of unexcused absences in a school year, an intervention meeting and/or community truancy board meeting may take place along with a Becca petition being filed with juvenile court if needed.

Excused: I understand that when I accumulate fifteen (15) days of excused absences in a year, documentation from a Licensed Health Care Practitioner (LHP) will be required to excuse future absences due to illness/medical condition. Without documentation, the absence will be considered unexcused.

Withdrawal: Withdrawal from school will occur after twenty (20) consecutive days of absence. If the school secretary or registrar does not receive a request for records within ten (10) days of withdrawal from school, a re-engagement letter or phone call will be made to determine the best course of action in order to avoid juvenile court proceedings

I, _____, will attend all scheduled classes every day, on time, without any unexcused absences
Student Name skips or tardies.

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

School Name

Date

Excused absence criteria

- A. Absences due to illness, health condition, family emergency or religious purposes
- B. Court, judicial proceeding, court-ordered activity, or jury service
- C. Post-secondary, technical school or apprenticeship program visitation, or scholarship interview
- D. State-recognized search and rescue activities consistent with RCW [28A.225.055](#)
- E. Absence directly related to the student's homeless or foster care/dependency status
- F. Absences related to deployment activities of a parent or legal guardian who is an active duty member consistent with RCW [28A.705.010](#)
- G. Absences due to suspensions, expulsions or emergency expulsions
- H. Absences due to student safety concerns, including absences related to threats, assaults, or bullying
- I. Absences due to a student's migrant status
- J. An approved activity that is consistent with district policy and is mutually agreed upon by the principal or designee and a parent, guardian, or emancipated youth