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Assessment and Student Services

COMPLETE BY SEPTEMBER 28TH

To: Parents/Guardians of Marysville School District Students

From: Marysville School District

Re: New Military Affiliation Data and Truancy Requirements

The Washington State legislature passed a law requiring Washington State public schools to collect information on family military affiliation. The legislature also passed a law requiring annual notice to parents for review of the Becca Attendance Requirements. This required information will be collected annually beginning with this 2016-17 school year.

Please take a moment to update both the Military and Becca information included in this mailing for <u>each</u> child. You may choose to:

- Return the completed Military and Becca forms to your child's school; or
- Complete the required Military and Becca information in the Family Access system for each child.
 - o <u>Family Access</u>: Please refer to the directions on the reverse side of this letter.
 - o If you have questions regarding Family Access or the Military and/or Becca forms, please contact your school office.

If you have questions regarding the new military law, please visit: http://app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5163&year=2015.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

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For School Y	ear: 2018-19												
•	e Military form nt (see directi			•			office <u>or</u> e	nter in	format	ion into	your ch	ild's Fami	y
Student Name	e <mark>:</mark>						School N	lame:					

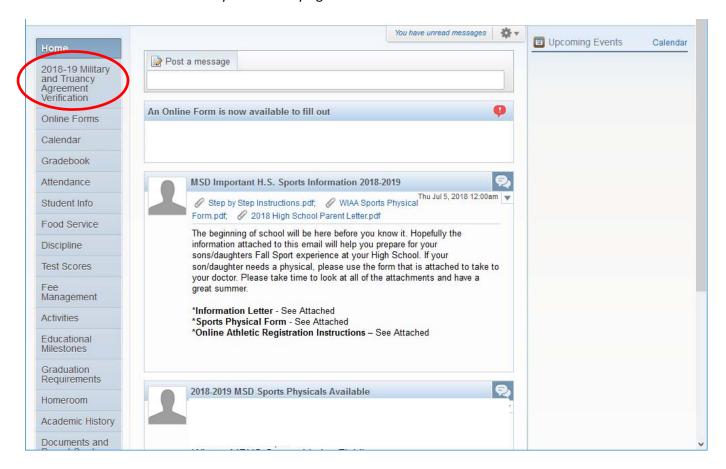
Please check	Code	Reason
	N	No parent or guardian is currently serving in the US Armed Forces or National Guard
	Α	Parent or guardian is a current member of the US Armed Forces, Active Duty
	R	Parent or Guardian is a current member of the US Armed Forces, Reserves
	G	Parent or guardian is a current member of the National Guard
	М	More than one parent or guardian qualifies for A, R or G
	Z	Prefer not to answer

Family Access:

The link to **Family Access** is available on our district website, www.msd25.org, under our **QUICK LINKS** (**left side bar**). The Military <u>AND</u> Truancy/Becca information must be completed for each child. If you need assistance regarding your Family Access login/password, please contact your child's school.

Parent/Guardian Instructions for Military/Truancy Agreement Verification

- Log into Family Access
- Click on "2018-19 Military and Truancy Agreement Verification"



- Choose a student (verification must be completed on each child attending MSD)
- Click on **Step 1** "Verify Military Family Affiliation" (right side of screen)
 - o Choose appropriate military status
 - o Click on "Complete Step 1 Only"
- Click on Step 2 "BECCA/Truancy Agreement"
 - o Click on "View Full Screen"
 - o Discuss the information with your student
 - Sign and date for student and parent/guardian
 - o Click on "Complete Step 2 Only" (top of screen)
- Click on Step 3 "Complete 2018-19 Military and Truancy Agreement Verification"
 - o Click on "Submit 2018-19 Military and Truancy Agreement Verification"



<u>Agreement for 2018-19</u>

Return to School Directions:

- Review information
- Sign student <u>and</u> parent/guardian
- Return to your child's school by September 28

Family Access Directions:

- Read and discuss with your child.
- Click Online Forms/BECCA/Attendance
 Agreement/Fill Out Form/View Full Screen
- Confirm student and parent/guardian signatures
- Click 'Submit'.

Under state law (RCW 28A.225), students are required to attend school full-time, without unexcused absences, skips or tardies. When a student accumulates 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 he/she may be referred to a Community Truancy Board possibly resulting in a Becca Petition being filed with juvenile court where sanctions can be imposed. These sanctions may include essays, study club, community service, detention alternatives and detention. Parent fines may also be imposed of up to \$25.00 for each day of unexcused absence from school.

• <u>Communication:</u>

- o I understand that for each day I have been absent from school, my parent/guardian will submit a written note, email or call the school within three (3) days of returning to school to have the absence excused.
- They must provide the reason for the absence.
- o If no reason is provided or the reason does not meet the excused absence criteria which is defined in school Policy No. 3122P, the absence will be considered unexcused.

Unexcused:

- I understand that when I accumulate seven (7) days of unexcused absences in any month (one day consists of more than half a school day) or ten (10) unexcused absences in a school year, I will be referred to a Community Truancy Board possibly resulting in a Becca Petition being filed with juvenile court.
- I understand that if I miss twenty (20) consecutive unexcused days of school, I will be withdrawn from my school of attendance.

Excused:

I understand that when I accumulate fifteen (15) days of excused absences in a year, a doctor's note will be required for every two days in a week of excused absences in order for them to be considered excused. Without a doctor's note, the absences will be considered unexcused.

Withdrawal:

o I understand that if the School Secretary or Registrar does not receive a request for records within ten (10) days of my withdrawal, a Becca Petition will be filed with juvenile court.

Student Nam	 , will attend all scheduled classes every day, on time, without any unexcuse absences, skips or tardies.					
Student Signature	Parent/Guardian Signature					
School Name	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

- Absence resulting from disciplinary actions or shortterm suspension
- E. Extended illness or health condition
- F. Excused absence for chronic health condition