

Attendance Policy

Massachusetts General Law Chapter 76, Section 2 states that it is the duty of parents/guardians to assure that children attend school regularly. The Revere Public Schools recognize the need to have students in school. With that in mind, it is necessary for us to clarify our attendance policy as stated in the **Elementary School Handbook**.

Absences:

Students absent from school MORE THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS in the trimester will fail. Students receiving an FA (failure due to absences) will be given an average of 59 for the term. In addition, students absent more than twelve (12) days in a school year may be excluded from participating in year-end activities and may be considered for retention. Extenuating circumstances may be considered when presented to the administration on the day of return.

Clarification of “Excused” Absence Policy:

A. Absences are excused for the following reasons:

1. death in the family
2. mandated court appearance as either a victim or a witness
3. observance of religious holidays
4. an emergency, which makes attendance at school absolutely impossible.

B. Generally, **medical reasons** are not excused absences.

- In order for an absence to be excused as medical, a doctor’s note first has to be brought in on the day the child returns to school as stated above.
- Absences for routine physicals or for dental visits **are not** excused.
- Even when a medical note is obtained, the absence for any amount of days that the illness covers still counts as one incident. Therefore, medical notes for a one day absence are still recorded as one incident. If a child was sick for a week, the first day is recorded as an absence and the subsequent days are recorded as medically excused to have it reflected as one incident in our attendance database.

If you have any further questions, please call the Assistant Principal, Mrs. Tringale, at 781- 286 -8296.