
Attendance Policy

A. ATTENDANCE

Massachusetts General Law Chapter 76, Section 2 states that it is the duty of parents/guardians to assure that children attend school regularly. The statute defines regularly as no more than 7 absences in any six-month period. The Revere Public Schools recognizes the importance of attendance and its correlation to academic success.

Parents can always check the current status of their child's attendance and grades in the PowerSchool Parent Portal.

To create your Parent Portal account, go to the Revere Public School website at (<http://www.revere.mec.edu>) click on "Parents", open document #2 "Gaining Access", follow the step by step instruction. Email questions to: powerschoolsupport@revere.mec.edu. Note: You must have an email account in order to create a Parent Portal account

Absences:

Grades 1 – 5:

Students not in attendance from school **MORE THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS** per trimester will fail. Students receiving an FA (failure due to absences) will be given an average of 59 for the term. In addition, students not in attendance more than twenty-four (24) days in a year-long course will receive an FA (59%) for those courses and may be excluded from participating in year-end activities and 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

The first day of consecutive absences is never excused. Medical reasons are not excused absences. If a student has a doctor's note for two or more consecutive days, this may be considered by the principal as one incident and therefore as an absence of one day. All medical documentation for absences must be timely in nature and submitted within ten (10) days of a student's return to school. All work must be made up to the satisfaction of the individual teachers involved.

If a student is not in attendance, parents/guardians MUST report the absence and the reason by calling their school before 9:00 a.m.