

## STUDENT ABSENCES AND EXCUSES

Certain absences of students will be excused by the principal on receipt of a written, signed explanation from the parent or guardian. These absences will include:

1. Illness or quarantine.
2. Bereavement or serious illness in family.
3. Weather so inclement as to endanger the health of the student.
4. Observance of major religious holidays.

A student may also be excused for other exceptional reasons with approval of the school administrator. Also with such approval, students may be excused from school attendance for up to five days each term for attendance at a state or nationally recognized youth program of educational value.

In instances of chronic or irregular absence reportedly due to illness, the school administration may request a physician's statement certifying such absences to be justifiable. Any absence other than excused absence is considered truancy.

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CROSS REFS.: JEG, Exclusions and Exemptions from School Attendance  
REF.: Brandon Valley Student Handbook - ABSENTEEISM