

Coquille School District 8

Code: **JED**
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Orig. Code(s): JED

Student Absences and Excuses

The only excusable absences are those caused by illness, death or illness in the immediate family, classes missed by those participating in educational functions sponsored by the school or absences caused by doctor's or dentist's appointments. All class work missed due to excused absences may be made up, but the initiative in the make-up work is the student's responsibility. Students may be excused for absence for any reason other than illness if requested by their parents, approved by the administration and the student has obtained a prearranged permission for the absence and advance assignments before leaving. A parent must apply in writing for such permission. No more than five days will be excused.

Principals are authorized to refuse to accept any excuse if it is definitely known that the statements contained in it are false or are contrary to district policy.

The Board feels very strongly that their liability in any approval of a "skip day" or any other unscheduled holiday is too great and that it is their moral obligation not to approve any days of this nature. Therefore, be it understood that the Board does not condone or approve of any unscheduled holidays (skip days or any other title it may be called) in any of the Coquille schools. Anyone who violates this policy will be subject to the following action:

1. Those high school students who participate in an unscheduled holiday (skip day, etc.) will not be permitted to go through their class's graduation ceremonies. This day will also be classed as an unexcused absence;
2. They will receive a failing grade for that day for those subjects missed by this unexcused absence;
3. The school will not be required to accept any written excuse for a day suspected as an unscheduled holiday (skip day or whatever). Parent(s) may be requested to appear before the school administration to validate any excuse as to why the student was absent;
4. There will be no suspending of students from school who were involved in an unscheduled holiday other than the fact that they are not to be permitted to go through their class's graduation.
5. Be it understood that the Coquille School District or any of its schools will not be liable for any action or activity performed by a student or a group of students on an unscheduled holiday;
6. This policy does not in any way supersede any provisions of current school attendance policies.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 109.056](#)

[ORS 339.030](#)

[ORS 339.065](#)

[ORS 339.420](#)

[OAR 581-021-0046](#)

[OAR 581-021-0050](#)

[OAR 581-023-0006](#) (11)

Cross Reference(s):

IGBHD - Program Exemptions