

# Washington County School District Absenteeism Policy

Regular attendance in the preschool program is very important for the child to become comfortable with a regular and consistent schedule. In case of a communicable disease, such as chicken pox, measles, etc., it is extremely important that parents notify the preschool teacher immediately so that proper notification can be given to all families participating in the program.

In order to provide services to families who have the greatest need and who may be on the waiting list, student enrollment may be evaluated based upon the following guidelines:

## Excused Absences

1. Illness or quarantine of child, parent, or sibling (Illness lasting more than ten (10) consecutive days must be verified by a medical doctor).
2. Medical appointment of child or other family member
3. Family emergency (may include car accident, lack of transportation, death of family member, catastrophe)
4. Severe weather conditions that prohibit travel to and from school
5. Official or legal agency appointments (immigration, court appearance, etc.)
6. Court-ordered visitation
7. Religious/cultural celebrations

## Absences that are in the Best Interest of the Child (Limited to 10 days per school year)

1. Non-court ordered visitation with non-custodial parent.
2. Special Day with parent
3. Vacation
4. Work/School Holiday for parent scheduled on a day, which differs from the center's observance.

## Unexcused Absences (Limited to 10 per fiscal year)

1. Illnesses lasting more than ten (10) consecutive days, which have not been verified by a medical doctor
2. Preschool child did not want to go to school
3. Parent/child overslept
4. Any absence for which a specific reason is not given

More than ten (10) days of unexcused absences in a school year will result in an evaluation of enrollment.