

Tardy Policy

In order to combat excessive tardiness to school or to class, it is the policy of the Selah School District that students attend school every day, on time.

For questions on excused and unexcused tardies, please refer to the parent/student handbook or contact the office staff.

If a student's tardiness becomes excessive, a parent conference will be required with the principal or designee in order to implement a plan to reduce tardiness.

Parent(s)/guardian(s) are strongly encouraged to make appointments (doctor, dentist, etc.) for their child after school to avoid interruption of the school day.

For more information, contact:

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Learning Center: 698-8022

John Campbell Primary: 698-8106

Selah Intermediate School: 698-8304

Selah Middle School: 698-8413

Selah High School: 698-8510

Selah Academy: 698-8062

Or

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DO YOU KNOW YOUR ATTENDANCE ABC's?



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“A” is for Attendance and Academic Success

Regular school attendance is necessary for academic success and the mastery of the educational program provided to students by the district. When students are absent from school, they miss critical instruction for understanding key concepts and fall behind quickly. Schools and parents/guardians share a responsibility to assure that students attend classes unless there is a good reason not to do so. Below is a guideline for what is considered satisfactory, at-risk, moderate chronic and severe chronic attendance by month. All students should strive for satisfactory attendance all year.

Month	Number of Absences for the School Year			
	Satisfactory	At Risk	Moderate Chronic	Severe Chronic
	96-100%	91-95%	81-90%	0-80%
Aug/Sept	0-1	2	3-4	5+
October	2	3-4	5-8	9+
November	3	4-6	7-12	13+
December	3	4-7	8-14	15+
January	4	5-9	10-18	19+
February	5	6-10	11-22	23+
March	5	6-12	13-26	27+
April	6	7-14	15-29	30+
May	7	8-16	17-33	35+
June	7	8-17	18-35	36+

Parents/guardians can track student attendance in [Skyward Family Access](#) on our website or the Selah School District App. Contact your student’s school to set up your Skyward account or retrieve your password.

“B” is for Becca

The **Becca Bill**, Washington State's attendance law, requires the school/district and the juvenile court to take specific actions when youth are truant, as well as in the elementary when students begin accumulating excused absences.

Guidelines for Unexcused Absences

If a student misses over half of any period in a day, it is unexcused until a parent/guardian contacts the school in writing, electronically, or by phone with a reason for the absence.

Guidelines for Excused Absences: **State Law Standards**

Valid excuses for absences include:

- Illness, health condition or medical appointment*
- Family emergency or religious purposes
- Court, judicial proceeding or jury service
- Post-secondary visitation or interview
- Participation in school-approved activity
- As a result of disciplinary action or suspension

**Note: Chronic health conditions without a health plan in place or more than 9 sporadic absences due to illness without a doctor’s verification will be classified as unexcused until a doctor’s note is received. Please contact the school nurse if your student has a chronic condition that will result in absences from school.*

Only absences which meet state law standards will be excused. An absence which does not fit the state definition will be considered truancy even though an excuse is submitted.

The Law

RCW 28A.225 holds students and their parent(s)/guardian(s) accountable for the student’s attendance. Under this state law, school districts are required to petition the juvenile court for legal action after a student has:

- Seven unexcused absences in a calendar month
- OR
- Ten unexcused absences in a year

“C” is for Calendar

Check your school calendar. Plan family trips and vacations around the school year. Show your child that attendance is important and that you are willing to help them be successful by planning around the school instructional calendar.

2019-20 Student Calendar	
August	
20-22	Teacher Inservice Day — No School
26	Classes Begin
30	Non-School Day
September	
2	Labor Day — No School
October	
11	Teacher Inservice Day— No School
November	
11	Veterans’ Day — No School
28-29	Thanksgiving Break — No School
December	
23-30	Winter Break — No School
January	
1-3	Winter Break — No School
6	Classes Resume
20	Martin Luther King Day — No School
February	
14	Non-School/Snow Make-up Day
17	Presidents’ Day — No School
April	
6-10	Spring Break — No School
May	
25	Memorial Day — No School
June	
5	Last Day of Classes