

Granite School District - Attendance Policy

Because of the school's commitment to quality education, we are concerned when a student misses school for any reason. The mission of the Granite School District is to prepare every student with the knowledge and skills needed for lifelong success in a changing world. Students who are excessively absent from school are not able to accomplish their educational goals.

According to the Utah Compulsory Attendance Laws (Utah Code 53A-11-101-105), parents and students are responsible for regular school attendance. Occasionally a student must be absent from school for reasons which are acceptable to the school and the courts, such as illness, medical appointments, family emergencies, or a death of family member or close friend. Please send a note to school following an absence explaining the reason for your child's absence.

The District policy states:

- 1. Seven or more days (or equivalent class periods) of excused absences within a school year are considered excessive and may require a doctor's note to excuse subsequent absences.**
- 2. After five or more days (or equivalent class periods) of unexcused absences within a school year, the school will mail the student/parents a Truancy Letter asking for the parent's help with their student's attendance and warning of consequences for further truancy. Please note, a student must be in attendance 4 (four) hours of a school day to receive credit for one full day.**
- 3. After 10 days (or equivalent class periods) of unexcused absences within a school year, the school will mail the student and parents a Habitual Truancy Notice/Pre-Court Hearing. The Habitual Truancy Notice requires the student and parents to appear at a Pre-Court hearing. Schools may assess a \$48.00 truancy fine.**
- 4. Students in seventh through ninth grades will be referred to the Third District Juvenile Court. Parents/legal guardians of students ages 6-12 (K-6th grades) may be referred to the Salt Lake County District Attorney.**
- 5. In addition, students in grades 9-12 are subject to Granite School District's Citizenship Policy which states; students with two or more unexcused absences may not receive higher than a "0" in citizenship. Granite District policy requires all students to maintain a 2.0 CPA (Citizenship Point Average) in order to graduate from high school. Excessive absences may jeopardize a student's ability to graduate from high school.**

Please check with the school attendance specialist or attendance secretary concerning the number of excused or unexcused absences that your student may have. Your cooperation is needed to help us give your student a quality education.

If you have questions regarding this policy please contact Student Services, Curt Hansen 385-646-4387.