

There are two types of absences: **Excused and Unexcused**

There are also two categories of absences: **Chronic and Truant**

Excused Absences

The following absences are considered excused, when a parent or guardian has contacted the school via telephone or provided written notification/documentation to the school, as required by the school administration.

- Temporary or extended illness
- Injury
- Physical, mental or emotional disability
- Family emergencies
- Absences excused by the principal through prior requests of parents or guardians
- Absences pursuant to school release permits under District policy JHD
- Absences which occur when a student is in custody of a court or law enforcement authority
- Absences due to suspension or expulsion
- And any other absence approved by the principal
- If a student is in out-of-home placement as defined by D.R.S. 22-32-138(1)(e)
- Absences due to court appearances and participation in court-ordered activities shall be excused.

To excuse a student, a parent shall notify the school in a timely manner via telephone, written notification or through other verifiable documentation as required by the school administration.

Unexcused Absences

Any absences not listed above as an excused absence will be considered unexcused.

Chronic vs. Truant Absences

