

School Attendance as a condition for obtaining a driver's license

A driver eligibility certificate will be issued to students for the privilege of obtaining a drivers permit or license when the student has met the attendance, behavior, and academic expectations set forth in WV Code 18-8-11.

1. Student has missed 15 or less days during the school year.
2. Student has not missed 10 consecutive days.
3. Student must earn a minimum of 5 credits annually and 3 of the 5 must be from core subjects as defined by West Virginia Board of Education Policy 2510.
4. Student has not been suspended for any of the following behaviors on school property, at a school sponsored function, or on a school bus:

- assault or battery on a school employee
- possession of a deadly weapon
- sale of a narcotic drug
- committed an act that would constitute a felony if committed by an adult
- possession of a controlled substance

Suspension of the driving privilege will result if the student is under 18 years of age and has any of the following:

1. Excessive absences as listed above
2. Is not earning sufficient credits towards graduation
3. Has committed a safe schools violation
4. Withdraws from School

A semester of acceptable academic, attendance, and appropriate student conduct shall be required for reinstatement of a revoked drivers license.

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Attendance Policy and Procedures



Excused Absences

West Virginia Board of Education Policy 4110 and Taylor County Policy 5200 permit students to be excused from school for the following reasons:

1. Personal illness or injury of the student
2. Personal illness or injury of the student's parent, guardian, or family member; the excuse must provide a reasonable explanation for why the student's absence was necessary and caused by the illness or injury in the family
3. Medical or dental appointment with written excuse from physician or dentist
4. Chronic medical condition or disability that impact attendance
5. Participation in home or hospital instruction
6. Calamity, such as fire or flood
7. Death in the family
8. School or County approved curricular or extra-curricular activities
9. Judicial obligation or court appearance involving the student
10. Military requirement for students enlisted or enlisting in the military
11. Personal or academic circumstances approved by the principal
12. Observation or celebration of religious holiday
13. Failure of bus to run
14. Leaves of educational value with approval and stipulations

ANY ABSENCE NOT LISTED UNDER EXCUSED ABSENCES WILL BE CONSIDERED UNEXCUSED.

Absence Documentation

ALL DOCUMENTATION RELATING TO ABSENCES MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE SCHOOL NO LATER THAN THREE INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS AFTER THE FIRST DAY THE STUDENT RETURNS TO SCHOOL.

Any documentation received after this period will not be accepted and the absence will be considered unexcused.

Any documentation received as an excuse that does not meet the excused absences criteria will not be accepted and the absence will be considered unexcused.

Tardy Policy

Any student who arrives at school after the start of the school day or is late reporting to his/her assigned location during the school day shall be considered tardy. Tardies will be handled in accordance with West Virginia Board of Education Policy 4373 and Taylor County Policy 5500.

Make-Up Work

Students will be provided the opportunity to make-up work missed as a result of an excused or unexcused absence. The make-up work shall be completed within 1 day for each day of absence.

