

Attendance

State laws require school attendance. The Scio School District expects regular attendance of all students. Regular attendance is very important if students are to make good progress with their learning. Oregon law requires the school to review any absences and determine whether or not it is an excused or unexcused absence. When a student is absent, work will be made up upon their return to school.

To verify the safety of all students, please call the office by 8:30 am every time your child will not be in school. If we do not hear from you, we will contact you to confirm the absence. Whenever a student has been absent or tardy from school for more than two (2) days, parents must contact their child's teacher or the office upon return to school to explain the absence. Doctor notes may be required if there is a pattern of tardies or absences. Each excuse must give a specific reason for the absence. With a few exceptions, the only acceptable reason for absence is illness. All excuses must be dated. The student may be excused from school in advance by the parent if the student is making satisfactory progress in school.

Unexcused absences include, but are not limited to:

- The student does not want to go to school
- The student and/or parent has slept in
- Lack of school supplies, clothes, or alarm clocks (assistance is available in the office)
- The parent wants to spend time with the student
- Babysitting younger brothers or sisters

Tardies

In addition, students must maintain an attendance average above 90% (16 absences per year). School begins each day at 7:45 am and the tardy bell rings at 7:55 am. If tardy, students must be signed in at the office. Arriving after 9:00 am will be considered absent for a half day. The truancy officer visits our school each week, and may be contacted when there is a pattern of unexcused absences.

Leaving School Early

All students must be checked out through the office prior to leaving the school grounds early. Please arrange for appointments to be after 1:30 pm to avoid missing class. Students who are going home with another student need to have a note from a parent as well as a note from the friend's parent that arrangements have been made. These arrangements must be made ahead of time, not during school hours. If there is a change to how your child is going home, please call the school office before 2:00 pm to notify teachers and bus drivers.