

WAC 392-401-015 Definition of absent or absence. (1) A student is absent when they are:

(a) Not physically present on school grounds; and
(b) Not participating in the following activities at an approved location:

(i) Instruction;
(ii) Any instruction-related activity; or
(iii) Any other district or school approved activity that is regulated by an instructional/academic accountability system, such as participation in district-sponsored sports.

(2) Students shall not be absent if:

(a) They have been suspended, expelled, or emergency expelled pursuant to chapter 392-400 WAC;

(b) Are receiving educational services as required by RCW 28A.600.015 and chapter 392-400 WAC; and

(c) The student is enrolled in qualifying "course of study" activities as defined in WAC 392-121-107.

(3) A full day absence is when a student is absent for fifty percent or more of their scheduled day.

(4) A school or district shall not convert or combine tardies into absences that contribute to a truancy petition.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.300.046. WSR 18-11-011, § 392-401-015, filed 5/3/18, effective 8/1/18.]