



WEST MIFFLIN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Attendance Tips

6-8

Classes begin at 8:00

- ARRIVING AFTER 10:40 A.M. IS CONSIDERED A HALF DAY ABSENCE
- ARRIVING AFTER 2:00 P.M. IS CONSIDERED A FULL DAY ABSENCE
- LEAVING BEFORE 10:40 A.M. IS CONSIDERED A FULL DAY ABSENCE
- LEAVING BEFORE 2:00 P.M. IS CONSIDERED A HALF DAY ABSENCE

ARRIVAL TIME BEGINS AT 7:20 A.M.

PLEASE NOTE, RESEARCH SHOWS THAT CHRONIC TARDINESS AFFECTS STUDENTS' ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE.

Scan here for the district's TAP Team Resources and additional information concerning attendance and truancy



WAYS TO SUBMIT EXCUSES

SUBMITTING THROUGH POWERSCHOOL

- LOG INTO POWERSCHOOL PORTAL USING YOUR PARENT ACCOUNT
- UNDER NAVIGATION PANEL - CHOOSE FORMS
- SELECT - STUDENT ABSENCE FORM
- COMPLETE REQUIRED FIELDS AND SUBMIT

ALTERNATE WAYS TO SUBMIT

- SEND A WRITTEN OR DOCTOR'S EXCUSE WITH THE STUDENT TO SCHOOL
- EMAIL THE BUILDING SECRETARY colizzar@wmasd.org
- EMAIL THE HOMEROOM TEACHER
- MESSAGE OR SEND A PHOTO OF THE EXCUSE VIA TEACHER COMMUNICATION PLATFORM (CLASS DOJO, REMIND, SCHOLOGY, ETC.)
- FAX THE EXCUSE TO YOUR STUDENT'S SCHOOL

Excused Absences

- RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS OR INSTRUCTION (UP TO 36 HOURS PER YEAR)
- HEALTH-RELATED APPOINTMENTS (STUDENTS SHOULD ATTEND SCHOOL BEFORE OR AFTER WHEN POSSIBLE)
- ILLNESS OR URGENT REASONS (E.G., FAMILY DEATH, COURT APPEARANCE, QUARANTINE, EMERGENCIES)
- COLLEGE VISITS OR JOB INTERVIEWS
- PRE-APPROVED EDUCATIONAL TRIPS

EDUCATIONAL TRIPS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE BUILDING PRINCIPAL AND MAY NOT EXCEED 5 SCHOOL DAYS.

WMASD Policy for Unexcused Absences



FAILURE TO SUBMIT AN EXCUSE WITHIN 3 DAYS OF RETURNING TO SCHOOL



AN INVALID DOCTOR'S EXCUSE



EXAMPLES OF INVALID EXCUSES

- OVERSLEEPING
- MISSSED BUS
- VACATION - WHEN NOT PRE-APPROVED
- TRUANCY
- SHOPPING

