

# ATTENDANCE & TRUANCY INFORMATION Q & A

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) released an Emergency Policy for the 20-21 school year detailing information on attendance and truancy. Learn about the rules and what they mean below. Here are the full updates for you to view: [Emergency rule for absences](#) (click link)

## Q: WHEN WILL ATTENDANCE BE RECORDED?

Teachers will record daily attendance when there are planned instructional activities, including but not limited to: daily logins, daily interaction with teachers, or evidence of participation in an task or assignments.



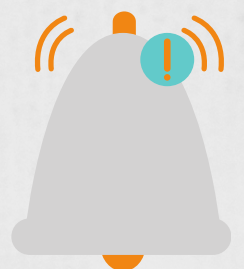
## Q: WHAT IS CONSIDRED AN EXCUSED ABSENCE?

The list of reasons for absences to be excused was expanded to create flexibility for families. Most of the new reasons are COVID-19 related circumstances affecting the student or the students family. [CLICK HERE](#) TO See the emergency rule Chapter 392-401A WAC for the complete list of excused reasons.



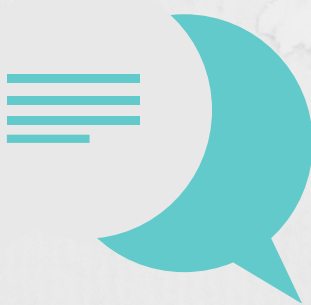
## Q: WHO SHOULD I NOTIFY IF MY STUDENT WILL BE ABSENT FROM THEIR ZOOM CLASS OR NOT ABLE TO LOG IN?

Please continue to call [your students' school](#) directly if your student will be absent. Absences must be excused within two days of the absence. Absences will only be excused if they meet the state's criteria for excused absences.



## Q: WILL I BE NOTIFIED IF MY STUDENT IS NOT ENGAGING IN ONLINE LEARNING?

Yes, Families will continue to receive daily automated calls to inform you that your student has been marked absent. This notification serves as a reminder that your student still has time to complete online work.



## Q: IS THE COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE LAW STILL IN AFFFECT IN REMOTE LEARNING?

Yes, districts are still required to comply with [Chapter 28A.225. RCW](#). Edmonds School District will continue to take steps to ensure students have the necessary resources to be engaged. If you or your family need support please contact your students school.



Guidance from OSPI:

[Emergency rule for absences](#) (click link).

[Attendance & Truancy Q&A](#) (PDF)

[Truancy Guidance after October 5th](#)