

DRIVING PRIVILEGE

A license or instruction permit to operate a motor vehicle will be denied or revoked from any student younger than eighteen (18) years of age who withdraws from school or incurs ten (10) consecutive or fifteen (15) total unexcused absences during the school year. The student is subject to losing driving privileges by virtue of WV Code §18-8-11. A student whose driving privilege has been suspended may apply for reinstatement if, during the subsequent semester, that student maintains regular attendance and achieves satisfactory academic progress, and has no safe school violations. Students must earn five credits annually (three requirements as identified in WVBE Policy 2510. Drivers Eligibility Certificate requires the signature of principal and county attendance director.

(c) For the purposes of this section, withdrawal shall be defined as more than ten consecutive or fifteen days total unexcused absences during a single year. For the purposes of this section, suspension or expulsion from school or imprisonment in a jail or a penitentiary is not a circumstance beyond the control of such person. WV Code § 8-8-11.

PROCEDURES

1. Driver Eligibility Certificates are requested by the student at their school office, **not the county central office.**
2. Status of student is checked and if the student is determined eligible, the school principal will sign the Driver Eligibility Certificate and submit it to the County Attendance Director for approval.
3. Upon approval, the County Attendance Director will return the certificate to the school for student to pick up.

TIME LINE

It takes approximately two weeks to complete this process (from date of request by student, until issuance of certificate at student's school)

2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 8 - First Day of Classes
November 3 - Election Day
November 11 - Veteran's Day
November 23-27 - Thanksgiving Recess
November 30 - Classes Resume
December 23- January 3 - Christmas Recess
January 4 - Classes Resume
January 18 - Martin Luther King Day
April 7 - April 9 - Reimagined Time Days -
No Students
April 12 - Classes Resume
May 28 - Final Day of Classes
(Final day could be as late as June 30 depending on number of Snow Days used).

STUDENT SERVICES CONTACTS

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(Call 304-256-4500 followed by the extension)

C. David Price, Superintendent (ext. 3308)
Dr. Serena Starcher, Asst. Superintendent (ext. 3334)
Randy Adkins, Asst. Superintendent (3305)
Sandy Sheatsley, Dir. Elem. Ed./Fed. Programs (3336)
Eric Dillon, Director of Pupil Services (3329)
Kim Lacy, Attendance Director/
Homeless Liaison (ext. 3360)
Lisa Fuson, Truancy Interventionist (ext. 3359)
Judy Bare, Truancy Interventionist (ext. 3366)
Allyson Moore, Student in Transition Coordinator
(304) 419-1423

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Raleigh County Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Director of Pupil Services, Title IX and Title II Officer, 105 Adair Street, Beckley, West Virginia 25801. Phone: 304-256-4500 ext. 3329.

<http://boe.rale.k12.wv.us>

Safe School Helpline: 1-866-SAFEWVA (1-866-723-3982)

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES in RALEIGH COUNTY SCHOOLS

2020 - 2021



Attendance The Law And You!

[Compulsory school attendance shall begin with the school year in which the sixth birthday is reached prior to first day of September of such year or upon enrolling in a publicly supported kindergarten program and continue to the seventeenth birthday or for as long as the pupil shall continue to be enrolled in a school system after the seventeenth birthday...]
WV Code §18-8-1a.

I, _____, received

(Print Name)

Raleigh County Schools Attendance Procedure.

✂ Detach Here and Return to School ✂

Signature (Parent)

Date

Signature (Student)

Date

OFFENSES and PENALTIES

Student Under the Age of 18

West Virginia Code states [Any person, who, after receiving due notice, shall fail to cause a child or children under eighteen years of age in that person's legal or actual charge to attend school...shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction of a first offense, be fined not less than fifty nor more than one hundred dollars together with the costs of prosecution, or required to accompany the child to school and remain through the school day for so long as the magistrate or judge may determine is appropriate...Upon conviction of a second offense, a fine may be imposed of not less than fifty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars with the costs of prosecution and the person may be required to accompany the child to school and remain throughout the school day until such time as the magistrate or judge may determine is appropriate or confined in jail not less than five or more than twenty days.] WV Code §18-8-2.

Student Over the Age of 18

Any person over the age of eighteen (18) who is enrolled in school but does not attend regularly is subject to the same penalties as the parent of a child who is under the age of eighteen. The exception being the parent of the 18-year-old student cannot be required to attend school with that student.

A NOTE IS REQUIRED WHEN RETURNING TO SCHOOL

When a student has been absent from school, a note from student's parent/guardian or physician must be presented within three (3) school days after the absence(s) in order for the absence(s) to be excused. The home note must include:

- * student's name
- * grade
- * date of absence
- * date of the note
- * reason(s) for absence
- * signature of parent or guardian

Illness of pupil verified by parent/guardian, not to exceed three (3) consecutive or five (5) total per semester.

TARDINESS

Student tardiness will be handled according to procedures and/or rules established by each school.

STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKEUP OF SCHOOL WORK MISSED DURING AN ABSENCE

Arrangements for make-up work must be made through the joint responsibility and cooperation of the teacher and pupil on the first day that the pupil returns to that class. Pupils having prior knowledge of any scheduled testing or assignment may be required to make up work on the first day of returning to class. This includes both excused and unexcused absences.

ABSENCE REPORTED TO PARENTS

Absences from school are reported to parents on report cards, through telephone calls, by letters, or through home visits. Home visits may be made by the county Director of Attendance and Assistant Director of Attendance or the Interventionist.

ABSENCE IS EXCUSABLE FOR SPECIFIC REASONS

West Virginia Code §18-8-1 and West Virginia Board of Education Policy 4110 permit students to be excused from school for:

- a.) Physical or mental incapacity of the student may be verified by the parent or guardian not to exceed five (5) days per semester. Verification by a physician is required when the absences exceed three (3) consecutive or five (5) total days per semester.
- b.) Hazardous conditions.
- c.) Serious illness or death in the immediate family of the student.
- d.) Observances of regular church ordinances.
- e.) Leaves of educational value with prior approval of the school principal.
- f.) Alternative private, parochial, church or religious school instruction.

ABSENCE FOR OTHER REASONS CANNOT BE EXCUSED

Any absence not meeting the above requirements shall be considered an unexcused absence (West Virginia Code §18-8-1). Absences such as hunting, fishing, working in or away from the home, babysitting, oversleeping, suspensions, truancy, or missing the school bus are unexcused. Questions regarding any of the listed reasons will be answered by the administrator in charge of attendance at the school.

ATTENDANCE DIRECTOR

At three (3) and five (5) unexcused absences the attendance director or designee shall make meaningful contact with the parent, guardian, custodian or student (if the student is 18 or older) as set forth in West Virginia Code §18-8-4. At ten (10) unexcused absences, a complaint will be filed in Magistrate Court.