

NEISD official lists of reasons for excused absences, unexcused absences and extenuated absences.

Excused Absence

1. A doctor or dentist's signed note verifying appointment (was not in school entire day) (V)*
2. Autism therapy sessions (V)*
3. Student's required court appearance (C)*
4. Observation of a religious holy days (J)*
5. Pursuing citizenship (C)*
6. College or university visit (2 per junior and senior year) (K)*
7. Deaths outside immediate family**
8. Natural disasters, weather or road conditions as declared by the District
9. Emergencies recognized and approved by the principal **
10. Attending an authorized school function

* Absence is recognized by the TEA with a special code which denotes the student is being counted as present for ADA.

** Absences of this nature are included as excused by parent/guardian note.

Unexcused Absence

1. Truancy
2. Any absence for a reason not listed on the Excused Absence Reasons list
3. Examples:
 - a. Vacations
 - b. Pleasure trips
 - c. Missing the bus
 - d. Car problems
 - e. Overslept
 - f. Baby sitting
 - g. Birthday or other personal celebrations
 - h. Jobs
 - i. Rare special circumstances not approved by the principal in advance
 - j. Pop Warner (athletic programs not associated with the District)
 - k. Cheerleading/dance programs, club sports programs
 - l. Non-school affiliated fine arts productions

Extenuating Absence

Absences are considered excused by the District and do not count towards loss or credit

1. Serious or long-term personal or family illness documented by a doctor
2. Death in the immediate family
3. Military compact (Active military parent being deployed or returning from deployment)
4. Hospitalized
5. 4-H club
6. Sport related competitions for off-campus PE credit
7. Shadowing magnet programs (out of District i.e. Health Careers HS)
8. Olympic tryouts
9. Visit by the religious leaders (Pope) or a major religious event not a holy day