

Barron Area School District Attendance Procedures 2023-24

The Barron Area School District recognizes the relationship between good school attendance and success in school and employment. School districts are required by law to monitor student daily attendance.

In accordance with Wisconsin Statute, Section 118.15, a student may be excused for no more than **ten days** of pre-planned absences per school year. A pre-arranged absence form is required to be completed prior to a student's absence. Forms are available in the school office and should be signed by teachers and returned to the building principal for approval. A student who is absent from school will be given the opportunity to complete coursework and assessments missed during the absence.

In addition, students can have up to ten days excused absences (illness, appointments, personal emergencies) per year. It is the responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian(s) to provide reasons for their child's absence. A maximum of seven days will be allowed to excuse an absence by calling the school office. If the absence is not cleared by a parent/guardian within seven days, the absence will be considered unexcused. When a student has accumulated three unexcused absences, the district will notify parent(s)/guardian(s) in writing and require a meeting. Ongoing unexcused absences will result in filing a report with Barron County and a truancy proceeding may be initiated.

Excessive absences because of a medical reason/illness may require a medical excuse. Beginning the 11th day absent and going forward, a doctor's excuse will be required to consider the absence excused. In the event there is a medical need for extended days off school, a new doctor's excuse will be required every 30 days.