

Spanaway Lake High School
Attendance and Truancy

Remote Learning 2020-21

Student Attendance is expected and will be taken daily. State truancy laws, RCW 28A.225, are in effect.

Attendance

Student attendance is expected and will be taken daily (**INCLUDING WEDNESDAYS**). Students are required to make daily contact with their teachers unless there is an excused reason for being absent. Daily attendance has a direct bearing on a student’s academic success in school. Students have been directed by their assigned teachers on how Wednesday attendance will be taken in their respective classes.

To submit an absence request, you must do one of the following:

- Log onto ParentVue & click “Report Absence”
- Email Diana Bassi, SLHS Attendance Clerk at dbassi@bethelsd.org
- Call 253-800-5692

Attendance guidelines are district mandate. They are below:

Bethel School District – Remote Learning Attendance Procedures

[Click here to download this information as a PDF](#)

Student attendance in a remote setting is defined as:

Type of Learning	Elementary	Middle School	High School (BHS, GKHS, SLHS)
Live Teaching	Attending daily live Zoom session(s)	Attending live Zoom Sessions for scheduled periods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Monday/Thursday</u> 1st, 2nd, 4th, 6th periods • <u>Tuesday/Friday</u> 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th periods • <u>Wednesday</u> 1st period 	Attending Live Zoom Sessions for scheduled periods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Monday/Thursday</u> 1st, 5th periods • <u>Tuesday/Friday</u> 2nd, 3rd, 4th periods • <u>Wednesday</u> Advisory
Independent Learning Time	Engaging in assigned independent learning activities or work directly with the teacher.	WEDNESDAY: Engaging in assigned independent work or work directly with the teacher for each period 2nd - 7th.	WEDNESDAY: Engaging in assigned independent work or work directly with the teacher for each period 1st-5th

Excused Absences

- If a student cannot attend the live teaching or independent learning time as described above, then parents may request the absence be marked excused by contacting the school attendance office or reporting the absence through the new ParentVue app or website. Allowable excused absences from prior years remain the same and apply to the 2020-21 school year.
- When, on a regular basis, a student is unable to attend to either the live teaching or independent learning time due to special circumstances, then the parents should contact the school principal to initiate the development of an alternative learning plan with teacher(s) and counselor. Examples of special circumstances include:
 - Parent's work schedule or other obligations during the regularly scheduled school hours, until other arrangements can be made.
 - Student's lack of necessary instructional tools, including internet and broadband access or connectivity.
 - Other COVID-19 related circumstances as determined between school and parent or emancipated youth.
 - Student's employment or other family obligations during regularly scheduled school hours that are temporarily necessary due to COVID-19 until other arrangements can be made.

Truancy

Even though BSD is currently remote learning, **SLHS must follow the Washington State Truancy Law, RCW 28A.225**. When a student reaches seven (7) unexcused absences within a 30-day period or ten (10) unexcused absences within a school year, we are required by law to file a Truancy Petition with the courts.

Along with the filed Truancy Petition, a Stay is submitted to allow for the opportunity to provide intervention. This gives SLHS time to work with families. Our main goal is to help reduce a student's barrier with attendance. If our attempts are unsuccessful, we are required to lift the "hold" and request a court hearing. Our goal is to help our students and families and will continue to work towards this. We want to see everyone become successful.

- If you have a concern with your student's struggle with attendance, you may contact your student's grade level administrator (below.)

<p>9th Grade Sarah Sunday 253-800-5685 ssunday@bethelsd.org</p>	<p>10th Grade Michelle Scott-Beach 253-800-5687 mscott-bea@bethelsd.org</p>	<p>11th & 12th Grade Hans Nelson 253-800-5686 hmnelson@bethelsd.org</p>
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- If you have any questions regarding the Washington State Truancy Law, petition process, your student's specific attendance records, or to schedule a phone/virtual meeting with the grade level administrator, please contact:

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