



AIM High School

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Snohomish, WA. 98290
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Date: 01/06/2020

To the Parent or Guardian of:



Re: Excessive Combined Excused and Unexcused Absences
Dear Parent or Guardian:

This attendance letter is to inform you that your student has been absent 34 days so far this semester. Enclosed is a printout highlighting your child's attendance record since the beginning of the semester. For your information attendance codes are listed below:

U -TR	Unexcused absence
EX-PC	Excused parent called
EX-IL	Excused ill

The report shows the combined amount of unexcused and excused absences. Even though some absences have been excused, the total combined number of absences are of concern to teachers and administration, as they may have a negative effect on academic progress.

We recognize there are many reasons for students to miss school, but students can only maximize their educational experience by attending class. While homework can be made up, nothing can replace class activities, discussion and instruction. Research has shown that absenteeism is strongly tied to course failures and, further down the line, failure to graduate. Some information to consider:

- Missing just 2 days a month means missing 18 days or 10% of the school year. Missing 10% is considered chronically absent and is often academic trouble.
- Students who are chronically absent in any year between 8th and 12th grades have been found to be 7.5 times more likely to drop out of high school
- A study by the Association of Middle Level Educators found that students who missed 20% or more of instructional days in a single year led to a 78% drop out rate

Our goal is to make sure your student is well prepared for and, ultimately, graduates from high school. As you know, daily school attendance is crucial to student academic success. That is why Washington State has a law about school attendance (R.C.W. 28A.225.020 and R.C.W. 28A.225.030). We are concerned about your students' academic success. If this pattern of absences continues we will request a parent conference so we can talk about barriers that are keeping your child from attending regularly.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

June Shirey
Director, Student Learning Alternatives
Principal, AIM High School

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Attendance history for: [REDACTED]

Date	DOW	-I-
09/13/2019	FRI	T-
09/20/2019	FRI	U-TR
10/03/2019	THU	E-IL
10/04/2019	FRI	E-PC
10/07/2019	MON	E-PC
10/08/2019	TUE	T-
10/09/2019	WED	U-TR
10/11/2019	FRI	U-TR
10/15/2019	TUE	E-PC
10/17/2019	THU	U-TR
10/18/2019	FRI	U-TR
10/22/2019	TUE	T-
10/23/2019	WED	U-TR
10/28/2019	MON	E-IL
10/29/2019	TUE	E-IL
10/30/2019	WED	E-IL
10/31/2019	THU	E-IL
11/01/2019	FRI	E-IL
11/06/2019	WED	E-IL
11/07/2019	THU	U-TR
11/14/2019	THU	E-PC
11/15/2019	FRI	U-TR
11/20/2019	WED	U-TR
11/22/2019	FRI	E-PC
11/25/2019	MON	E-PC
12/02/2019	MON	E-IL
12/03/2019	TUE	E-PC
12/04/2019	WED	E-PC
12/05/2019	THU	E-PC
12/06/2019	FRI	E-PC
12/09/2019	MON	E-IL
12/10/2019	TUE	E-PC
12/12/2019	THU	U-TR
12/13/2019	FRI	U-TR
12/16/2019	MON	U-TR
12/17/2019	TUE	E-IL
12/19/2019	THU	U-TR

Absent Type and Reason Code Legend

E - Absent Excused; T - Tardy; U - Absent Unex

IL - Illness; PC - Parent Call; TR - Truant