



West Ridge Academy

6905 8th Street • Greeley, CO 80634 • 970.330.3671 • Fax 970.330.3679

Attendance Policy

West Ridge Academy's Attendance Philosophy

Significant learning for all students is provided each day class is held. This educational opportunity is provided as a result of in-class participation and high-quality instruction.

The benefits of this experience cannot be fully replaced when a child is absent.

Consequently, regular and punctual attendance is an important criterion for success in school, and absences are detrimental to effective learning.

Per CDE law, every child who has attained the age of six years on or before August 1 of each year and is under the age of 17 years shall attend public school for at least the following number of hours during each school year: 900 hours for kindergarten, 968 hours for 1st through 5th grades, and 1056 hours for 6th through 8th grades.

Attendance Policies

- The State of Colorado and Weld County School District's goal for attendance is 95%, as is West Ridge Academy's. In order to attain this goal, a student cannot miss more than 10 days during the entire school year. Any student missing more than 10 days of school, for reasons other than illness, will require a parent/student conference.
- Parents need to notify the office about their student's absences, but the absence will be "excused" by the school according to the guidelines for excused absences.
- Every 7 tardies equals 1 unexcused absence.
- Pre-arranged absences must be approved by the school administration to be excused.

Excused absences include

- Temporary illness or injury.
- Prearranged absence approved by an administrator. This includes vacations taken while school is in session.
- Extended absences due to physical, mental, or emotional disability.
- Attendance at any school-sponsored school activity or activities of an educational nature with advanced approval by the administration.
- Expulsion or suspension.

Unexcused absences

- An unexcused absence is defined as an absence that is not covered by one of the foregoing exceptions. Each unexcused absence shall be entered on the student's record.
- When WRA is aware that criteria exist to designate a student as habitually truant, WRA shall refer the students and his or her parent/guardian to the Weld County Judicial System, Youth and Family Connections and/or the Weld County District Attorney's Juvenile Diversion Unit.
- In accordance with law, WRA may impose appropriate penalties which relate directly to classes missed while unexcused. Penalties may include a warning, school detention or in-school suspension. Academic penalties, out-of-school suspensions, or expulsion shall not be imposed for any unexcused absence.

If you have any questions, please contact the front office at (970) 330-3671 or Mr. Spicer at rspicer@wrak8.org.