

Attendance at Darrington Elementary

Mandatory Attendance:

In the State of Washington, school attendance is required by law for all children ages 8 through 17 enrolled in public school. The law can also apply to children ages 6 and 7, if the parent enrolls a child in public school. Everyone should see to it that no child falls through the cracks.

The School Process:

The Becca Bill is intended to stop truancy before it becomes a problem. The law requires schools to take the following actions:

One or Two Unexcused Absences

After each unexcused absence the school will contact the family by phone or email (if provided).

After two unexcused absences, the school must schedule a conference with the parent and student to discuss solutions to improve student's attendance.

Five Unexcused Absences

If a student has five unexcused absences in a month, the school the parent and school must enter a contract to improve the student's attendance.

Seven and Ten Unexcused Absences

The school is required to file a petition with juvenile court if the student has seven unexcused absences in a 30-day period or ten unexcused absences in a school year.

RCW 28A.225 – Washington State Compulsory School Attendance and Admission Law

Verification of Absences

1. A students' absence will be considered excused only when verified by a parent/guardian and the office by:
 - a. Parent phone call for the day of absence
 - b. Written excuse signed by the parent
 - c. Email notification from the parent.
2. Absences must be cleared through the office within 3 days.