

Attendance Expectations for Online Learning

The Dolores School District administration understands that during this time of immense change and uncertainty that families need flexibility and our attendance expectations need to be adjusted to accommodate this need. Our objective is that students will retain the knowledge and growth they have reached this year and that they will be given the opportunity to advance on their current levels through solid online instruction for the duration of the school year. In order to meet this objective and give families flexibility we have put into place attendance expectations that balance flexibility with accountability.

In recognition of the fact that circumstances are different for every family we have adopted performance-based attendance expectations. This means that student attendance will be measured by the percentage of work they complete each week and NOT by whether or not they log into Google Classroom each day or attend live session each day. However, if students are able to attend live sessions, we highly encourage them to attend as this is a time for them to receive direct instruction from their teachers and for them to engage in class discussion with their peers.

As you can see in the attendance tables below, if students complete all of their assigned work by Sunday night of each week, they will receive 100% attendance for the week. However, if they complete less than 100% of their work, their attendance will be adjusted to reflect the percentage of work they have completed. According to the school calendar there are some weeks that only have 4 days. Please note that for these weeks we will use the 4-day week attendance table.

5 Day School Week	
Percentage of Assignments Completed by Sunday Night	Number of Absences
100%	0
76-99%	1
50-75%	2
26-49%	3
1-25%	4
0%	5

4 Day School Week	
Percentage of Assignments Completed by Sunday Night	Number of Absences
100%	0
67-99%	1
34-66%	2
0-33%	3
0%	4

For simplicity sake, teachers will mark absences for the week beginning with Friday and work back to Monday (with the exception of weeks with no Friday school, for these weeks they will

start with Thursday). So, if a student had one absence for the week, he/she will be marked UNX (unexcused absence) for Friday and if the student has 2 absences he/she will be marked UNX (unexcused absence) for Friday and Thursday.

Legitimate absences will be excused as they have historically been. For example - if your student was absent because of an illness or your family has had a prolonged internet outage you will need to contact either Susan Burger or Erin Schumacher so that they can excuse the absence.

