

Dear Parent/Guardian:

In 1995, Washington State Legislators passed a compulsory attendance law, commonly referred to as the BECCA bill, that requires all students enrolled in a public school to attend school. As a result of ongoing chronic absenteeism in public schools, the state has modified existing, as well as added new attendance requirements for school districts through Second Substitute House Bill 2449.

In an effort to communicate the changes to parents and guardians of CH-S students, we are attaching the CH-S Attendance Guide and the Planned Absence Request form to this letter. The guide covers the process of excusing absences and what happens when absences aren't excused. The form is for use when submitting a planned absence for your student. For the complete Washougal School District attendance policy, please visit <http://www.washougal.k12.wa.us/board/policies/3000/3122.pdf> or request a copy from the school office.

Thank you for working with us to support the habit of good attendance. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have.

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