

## Kindergarten Attendance Policy

The goal of the Keller School District #3 shall be to provide opportunities for all kindergarten students to develop the necessary skills to be successful first graders and to be successful in school in the future. In order to accomplish this goal, students must attend school regularly. Washington State does not require students to attend kindergarten in order to enroll in first grade. Currently the Confederation of Colville Tribes likewise has no regulations that require students to attend kindergarten. The State of Washington has identified the Keller School District #3 as one of the school districts to have all day, everyday kindergarten.

Keller School District #3 kindergarten program is designed to build new concepts on previously learned concepts. Excessive absences create difficulties for the students who have excessively missed school, the other students who have been here on a regular basis who have set through the re-teaching that must occur to catch students up, and the teaching staff who must have several different lessons going on at the same time. For these reasons the Keller School District has developed a policy that mandates regular school attendance for kindergarten students.

Once a kindergarten student has missed 7 days (unexcused absence) in any one school year the parents will attend a conference with the teacher and building administrator to determine the reasons for the absences. There will be an attempt tot rectify the behaviors. If the behaviors continue once the student gets to 12 unexcused absences for the year the student will be withdrawn for the Keller School District. Excessive tardies will also be counted. Two tardies will equal one unexcused absence. It should be said the reason for this policy is not to punish students but to create a system that honors regular school attendance.

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