

KIT and Attendance

KIT students are held to the same attendance standards as any other student.

We can excuse the absences/tardies IF we know that they are related to the student's lack of stable housing.

WAC 392-401-020 "Absences due to the following reasons must be excused:
... (7) *Absence directly related to the student's homeless or foster care/dependency status;*

Usually, this is when a student is moving around in a hurry and cannot get to school either due to the distance, or due to the lapse in time it takes to set the transportation up.

- If there are days that you know need to be excused due to KIT transportation being set up use the code "PA" and enter a note that says, "due to program status". This code will not pull into any of the AE Becca letters.
 - If there are weather-related transportation limits, use the code "DT". This happens when transportation departments do not provide out of district transportation.
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- ☐ If a student is being referred for truancy, and they are KIT please dig deeper to find out if its due to their housing/transportation.
 - ☐ Consider exempting the dates that were due to KIT, when referring for truancy processes.
 - ☐ Watch for patterns and refer to your building point person if you think a KIT student needs transportation assistance or if you have a student who reports something that may be a KIT situation; like they are "staying somewhere else and it's hard to get to school".
 - ☐ UHY (Unaccompanied Homeless Youth) can have an adult approved to be assigned the one who can excuse absences.