

## Detailed Reason Codes for Absence Reasons Study

TOPIC	REASON NAME	REASON DESCRIPTION AND USAGE	TREATMENT FOLLOWUP
Dental	Routine dental appointment	Went to dentist for reason other than pain/infection, such as cleaning, checkup or cavity	none
Dental	Dental pain or infection (no appointment)	Had tooth pain or infection but did not go to Dentist	Is your child <i>going to go</i> to the dentist for this? If not, why not?
Dental	Dental appointment to treat pain or infection	Went to dentist because of pain or infection	none
Medical	Routine (preventative) medical appointment	Went to well-child/preventative appointment or to get shots (not ill) or medicaid eligible child participating in Health & Human Services screening/treatment	none
Medical	Acute illness	Usually contagious, short-lived, one-time illnesses, such as cold, flu, sinus infection, stomach flu, strep throat, mono, etc.	Is your child going to the doctor for this? (Either has already or will go soon) If not, why not?
Medical	Asthma	Asthma or difficulty breathing	Is your child going to the doctor for this? (Either has already or will go soon) If not, why not?
Medical	Diabetes	Diabetes or diabetes complication (described as such by parent)	Is your child going to the doctor for this? (Either has already or will go soon) If not, why not?
Medical	Chronic illness	Any long term or regularly recurring physical condition other than diabetes or asthma, such as allergies, cedar fever, recurrent infections, autoimmune disease, etc.	Is your child going to the doctor for this? (Either has already or will go soon) If not, why not?
Medical	Mental health issue	Reported depression/sadness or fear/anxiety, or other mental health issue such as ADHD, bipolar disorder, eating disorder, schizophrenia, etc. Please do not say "mental health" to parents. If reason for mental health issue specific to school, code as School refusal/avoidance	Is your child being treated for this? If not, why not?

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Family	Family responsibility (caring for siblings)	Had family responsibility such as caring for younger siblings or elderly family members	none
Family	Funeral or family emergency	Attended a funeral or had a family emergency (do not need to know what family emergency is)	none
Family	Oversleeping/Family logistics issue (not transportation)	Student or parent overslept or other issue where family not organized to get child to school	none
Family	Student's child ill	Illness of the student's child where the student has to provide care	none
Family	Working at place of employment	Was working at job, and job not vocational training	none
Military	Join military	Participating in activities necessary for joining military	none
Military	Military family visit	Visiting with parent or guardian who is on active duty in the armed forces	none
Transportation	Missed bus	Miss school bus and did not have another way to school	none
Transportation	Transportation issue (not missed bus)	Problem with getting to school such as car broke down, other than missed school bus	none
Transportation	Visit to DPS for Driver's License	Went to DPS for driver's license or permit	none
Travel	Vacation/out of town other	Whenever on vacation or out of town (but do not use if another code that can include travel is appropriate)	none
Unexcused	School refusal/school avoidance	Refused to go to school, often because of anxiety about something at school; parent is usually aware of absence (if anxiety is not about school, code as mental health issue)	none
Unexcused	Skipping	Absent (and not on campus) for no particular reason; parent is usually unaware of absence. Or absent from class but on campus (somewhere not allowed)	none
Unknown	Unwilling to provide detailed reason	For any district reason code triggering request for further detail, where student/family did not provide information needed for detailed reason code	none
Other	Reason not in absence reasons list	Reason provided but does not fit within any district code other than unknown/unexcused or any detailed absence reason above; please list reason in the comments section	none