

## Crow's Path | BSD Policy Update, 2023

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### Overview:

The Burlington School District is enacting a minor policy change regarding unexcused absences for students who attend programs like Crow's Path. This change is merely technical and will not impact your child's ability to participate in the Field School!

### Policy Update:

Starting in the fall of 2023, students who attend The Field School will be marked with an unexcused absence (previously they were marked with excused absences). The unexcused absences will be marked with a special code indicating that the child was at Crow's Path, which will allow students to participate fully in athletics and other extracurriculars on days when they attend Field School.

Depending on your child's school, some families may receive a phone call from the school counselor to make sure the student is on track academically. Families only need to remind them that their child is enrolled in Crow's Path and keeping up with school work. Thus, there will be no substantive change in a student's ability to participate in Field School. The administration assures us that they continue to support families who choose to attend the Field School and other programs like it.

### Further Questions:

This information comes to us from Tom Flanagan, the Superintendent of the Burlington School District. This change is being made to bring the district into better compliance with state law regarding attendance and record keeping. If you have any further questions you can reach out to Ross ([Ross@crowspath.org](mailto:Ross@crowspath.org)) or Victor Prussack ([vprussac@bsdvt.org](mailto:vprussac@bsdvt.org)) from the Burlington School District who is happy to field questions regarding this update.