

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

It will be the policy of this school district to encourage regular attendance on the part of each student. An accurate and consistently maintained record system is crucial to alerting the staff to the attendance pattern of each student.

Parents have the right to take their child out of school at any time; however, the Board of Education determines what an excused or unexcused absence is.

Students who are absent from school without a reasonable excuse may be subject to disciplinary measures which may include; but will not be limited to, in-school suspension, Saturday school, suspension, or expulsion.

Philosophy

Students will be expected to attend classes regularly and to be on time in order to receive maximum benefits from the instructional program, to develop habits of punctuality, self-discipline and responsibility, and to assist in keeping disruption of the educational environment to a minimum. While it is possible for an absent student to make up much of the schoolwork missed, it is impossible to completely compensate for absence from classes.

Absences always cause some disruption in the educational progress of the student who was absent. In order to maintain interest and understanding in a program of instruction, students should not expect to be absent any more than is absolutely necessary. Students who fail to make up work missed may not understand what the teacher is currently presenting, and may also become discouraged with the double burden of keeping current and making up missed work. Irregular attendance or tardiness by students not only impedes their own studies, but also interferes with the progress of those students who are regular and prompt in attendance.

Students who have good attendance records are most likely to achieve higher grades, enjoy school life to a greater degree, and have more employment opportunities after leaving school. Prospective employers expect promptness and regular attendance from employees and are reluctant to hire persons who have not established good habits of responsibility and self-discipline. Life-long patterns of responsibility and self-discipline of regular attendance and promptness are fostered by attention given to them during the years of school attendance.

There are times, however, when school officials may determine that the problems associated with absence from school are outweighed by the advantages of an activity in which the student participates, and they may endorse or sponsor an activity or trip. Attendance at such approved trips and activities will not be considered an absence from school.

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