

SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE

The Education Law requires that the students enrolled in the schools of this District attend school every school day unless legally excused. The educational program offered by this District is predicated upon the presence of the student and requires continuity of instruction and classroom participation. The regular contact of students with one another in the classroom and their participation in a well-planned instructional activity under the tutelage of a competent teacher are vital to this purpose. Absences other than legal absences as defined by State regulations have a highly adverse effect on the student as well as the entire educational program. Therefore, the Board of Education urges all parents to make every effort for their children to be in attendance.

Objectives

Through implementation of this policy and corresponding regulations the Board expects:

1. To encourage full attendance by all students;
2. To accurately track the attendance, absence, tardiness and early departure of students to and from school;
3. To ensure sufficient pupil attendance of classes so that pupils may achieve State mandated education standards;
4. To track student location for safety reasons and to account to parents regarding the location of children during school hours.

Education Law Sections 3205 and 3210

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