

Attendance

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The prime purpose of the Board of Education is to deliver an effective educational program to children in its schools. The Board believes that an effective education cannot be delivered to a child without regular and consistent attendance at school.

While the Board undertakes to ensure that its staff will make every effort to provide educational programs to students which are relevant and engaging, the prime responsibility for attendance rests with students and parents.

Guidelines

1. All students registered in a school are expected to attend on every day that instruction is offered.
2. Parents are requested to contact the school if an absence is anticipated.
3. In the event of an unexplained absence, designated school personnel are expected to phone the student's parent(s)/guardian(s). The school may request a written reason for any unexplained absence.
4. Written procedures, developed at the school level, which apply in the event of truancy, must be approved by the Board. Upon Board approval, written truancy procedures must be provided to all students and parents. Although principals are expected to use their best professional judgement in selecting an appropriate course of action, it is anticipated that school procedures regarding truancy will contain similar elements such as:
 - 4.1 counseling for the student;
 - 4.2 possible course modification;
 - 4.3 verbal warning;
 - 4.4 written notice to parent(s);
 - 4.5 meeting with parent(s);