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5200 ATTENDANCE

In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:38-25, every parent, guardian, or other person having control and custody of a child between the ages of six and sixteen shall cause the child to regularly attend school. The Board of Education requires students enrolled in the school district attend school regularly in accordance with the laws of the State.

In accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.6, and for the purposes of this Policy and Regulation 5200, a student's absence from school whether excused or unexcused may count toward truancy. As recommended by the New Jersey State Department of Education, a student who exceeds more than 10 percent of a school year in absences will be deemed chronically absent.

Students that are absent from school for any reason are responsible for the completion of assignments missed because of their absence. A student who is absent from school for observing a religious holiday shall not be deprived of any award, eligibility, or opportunity to compete for any award, or deprived of the right to take an alternate test or examination that was missed because of the absence provided there is a written excuse of such absence signed by the parent.

Prolonged or repeated absences, excused, or unexcused, from school or from class, deprive students of the educational and classroom experiences deemed essential to learning and may result in retention at grade level.

For districts with secondary school(s)

Or loss of credit or removal from a course that would count toward the high school diploma in accordance with policies of this Board.

Students shall be subjected to the school district's response for total accumulated absences that count toward truancy during the school year as outlined in N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.6 (a)4 and Regulation 5200.

Chronic absences from school or from classes within the school day may subject a student to consequences that may include the denial of a student's participation in co-curricular activities and/or athletic competition. Repeated absences from school interfere with efforts of this Board and its staff in the maintenance of good order and the continuity of classroom instruction and such absences may result in the removal of the student from a class or course of study.

The Superintendent shall calculate and monitor the student attendance for the district and for each school in the district by using the 10 percent ratio recommended by the New Jersey State Department of Education. Whenever the attendance rate exceeds 10 percent (or 18 days) does not meet the New Jersey Department of Education requirements the Superintendent or designee shall develop a district improvement plan to improve student attendance pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:30-5.2.

N.J.S.A. 18A:36-14; 18A:38-25
N.J.S.A. 34:2-21.1 et seq.
N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.6; 6A:32-8.3

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