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Attendance Objectives

As parents and/or guardians we ask you to ensure that your child attends school on a regular basis, and stress regular attendance habits.

There is no doubt that one of the keys to academic achievement is good attendance. Frequent absences disrupt the continuity of the teacher's instructional process, which can cause gaps in a student's learning. These gaps are difficult to fill. Students who demonstrate excessive absences may also jeopardize their promotion to the next grade or graduation.

From the Board of Education Policy:

Eighteen (18) or more unexcused absences- which is 10% of 180 days- will result in no credit earned. For partial year courses, the same applies- 10% or more unexcused absences will result in no credit earned. Please refer to the attendance policy for more detail, including the criteria for excused and unexcused absences.

The objectives of this policy are:

- a. To accurately track, attendance, absence, tardiness and departure to and from school.
- b. To ensure sufficient pupil attendance of classes so that pupils may achieve State mandated education standards.
- c. To track student location for safety reasons and to account to parents regarding the location of children during school hours.
- d. To improve student learning through:
 - 1) Consistent student attendance
 - 2) Preservation of continuity in classes for presentation of content and skills
By teachers
 - 3) Improved class dynamics

A note from the student's parent or guardian must be presented upon their return to school with an explanation of their absence. If no note is given for a legal excused absence that absence will be considered unexcused.

Tardiness

Students who arrive late to school must be signed in through the Nurse's office. A note signed by a parent or guardian, with a phone number, must be presented at the time of arrival. The nurse will then issue a pass so that the tardy student may proceed to class. Unexcused tardies carry consequences that may affect the student's participation grade.