

STUDENTS

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Policy Title Truancy - Unexcused Absences Regulations Code No. 501.10

Daily, punctual attendance is an integral part of the learning experience and is required of all students to receive the maximum benefit of the educational program. The habit of good attendance established early is one which helps a person be successful throughout his or her lifetime. More and more, employers, colleges and vocational schools expect good attendance and are checking attendance records. They are aware that good and prompt attendance indicates dependability in a student.

The education that goes on in the classroom builds from day to day and as a result, absences always cause some disruption in the educational progress of the absent student. Students who are absent 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. In order to maintain interest and understanding in the instructional program, students should not expect to be absent any more than is absolutely necessary. Irregular attendance or tardiness by students not only inhibits their own studies, but also interferes with the progress of those students who are regular and prompt in attendance. Attendance is a shared responsibility that requires cooperation and communication among students, parents and school officials.

A student absence may be excused or unexcused. The type of absence, whether excused or unexcused, shall be determined by the building principals as set forth in the Student-Parent Handbook.

Legal Reference:

Iowa Code §§ 294.4; 299 (2011).
281 I.A.C. 12.3(4).

Cross Reference:

206.03 Secretary
410.03 Truancy Officer
501.00 Student Attendance
503.00 Student Discipline
504.00 Student Activities
506.00 Student Records

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