

P6-02-003 Regularity of Attendance

All teachers are urged to stress the importance of regular attendance. Each meeting of the class should be planned so that regular attendance is a necessity if the student is to complete satisfactorily the requirements of the course. Excessive absenteeism from a class will then result in poor or unsatisfactory grades because of inability of the student to compensate fully for the class activities which were missed.

~~If a student misses 15 consecutive days he is automatically withdrawn from the roll.~~

A student will be withdrawn from the roll when the student has been absent for fifteen (15) consecutive days or more. This is interpreted to mean that any student is dropped after being absent fifteen (15) consecutive days with the only exception being those students under an approved program of Homebound Instruction, or are absent due to COVID-19 illness, or related quarantine.

~~Refer to Policy ~~6-03-007~~, "Withdrawals."~~

However, if such student is subject to the compulsory attendance law, action must be taken by the school to enforce compulsory attendance.

~~Refer to Policies ~~6-02-001~~, "Compulsory Attendance Age," and ~~6-02-002~~, "Exemption and Excusing from Compulsory Attendance."~~

If a student is irregular in attendance due to illness, the school may request a doctor's statement. ~~as described in Policy ~~6-02-005~~, "Absences and Excuses."~~ If the excused absence extends beyond 15 days because of illness, homebound instruction may be available.

~~Refer to Policy ~~6-19-022~~, "Homebound Students."~~

The possibility of child neglect on the part of parents or guardians should be investigated in cases of habitual absenteeism.

~~Refer to Policy ~~6-09-011~~, "Habitually Absent Children."~~

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