

STUDENT PERSONNEL

Series 500

Policy Title: Truancy-Unexcused Absences

Code Number: 501.10

Regular attendance is an integral part of the learning experience and is required of all students to receive the maximum benefit of the educational program. According to Section 299.1 and 299.1A of the Iowa Code, the parent, guardian, or legal/actual custodian is accountable for the school attendance of a child who has reached the age of six and is under sixteen years of age by September 15 of that school year.

Daily punctual school attendance must be a high priority for the learner and the parent. Truancy is defined as the failure to attend school without an acceptable a reasonable excuse. These unexcused absences may include, but not be limited to, shopping, hunting, concerts, and employment. Truancy will not be tolerated by the board. Days absent are considered truant when a student is absent without excuse.

Students are subject to disciplinary action for truancy, including suspension and possible expulsion from school. It is within the discretion of the principal to determine whether a student may make up work missed because of truancy. The administrative regulations indicate the disciplinary action to be taken for truancy.

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