

## Board Policy

Code No. 501.10R2

### EXCESSIVE ABSENCE

While it is possible for a student absent from school to make up much of the school work missed, it is impossible to completely compensate for absence from class. Therefore, any absence from class creates the potential for a severe hardship for a child. This is true regardless of the reason for the absence (illness, planned trips, family vacations, truancy, etc.) It is the intent of this policy to address excessive absences from school. The term "excessive absence" may include a combination of excused and/or unexcused absences.

The following absences are exempt from the policy covering excessive absences. It is important that parent(s)/guardian(s) contact the administration immediately when these situations occur:

1. Hospitalization or extended illness/accident, which requires extended care. Any student absence due to illness/accident that goes beyond five (5) continuous school days must be verified by a doctor, dentist, or school nurse.
2. Death or serious illness/injury in the immediate family or household.
3. Attendance at a school sponsored and supervised activity when class requirements have been completed by the student before the activity.
4. Any absence approved exempt by the administration.

All absences exempt from the excessive absence policy require parental notification and administrator approval.

It shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent, in conjunction with building administrators, to develop administrative regulations regarding this policy.

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