

POLICY

Toms River Regional Board of Education

Section: Students
5200. ATTENDANCE (M)
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In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:38-25, every parent, guardian, or other person having control and custody of a child between the ages of six and sixteen shall cause the child to regularly attend school. The Board of Education requires students enrolled in the school district attend school regularly in accordance with the laws of the State.

In accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:I6-7.6 and for the purposes of this Policy and Regulation 5200, a student's absence from school will be excused, or unexcused that counts toward truancy.

Students that are absent from school for any reason are responsible for the completion of assignments missed because of their absence. A student who is absent from school for observing a religious holiday shall not be deprived of any award, eligibility, or opportunity to compete for any award, or deprived of the right to take an alternate test or examination that was missed because of the absence provided there is a written excuse of such absence signed by the parent.

Any absence because of a religious holiday must be recorded in the school register or in any group or class attendance record as an excused absence. Such absence must not be recorded on any transcript or application or employment form or on any similar form.

Prolonged or repeated absences, excused or unexcused, from school or from class, deprive students of the educational and classroom experiences deemed essential to learning and may result in retention at grade level or loss of credit or removal from a course that would count toward the high school diploma in accordance with policies of this Board. A warning notice shall be given to any student, and to the parent of any minor student, who has been absent more than 5, 10, or 15 days in any one school year, excluding any absence attributable to disciplinary suspension. Eighteen days absence from school may constitute loss of credit.

Students shall be subjected to the school district's response for unexcused absences that count toward truancy during the school year as outlined in N.J.A.C. 6A:I6-7.6(a)4 and Regulation 5200.

Unexcused absences from school or from classes within the school day may subject a student to consequences that may include the denial of a student's participation in co-curricular activities and/or athletic competition. Repeated absences from school interfere with efforts of this Board and its staff in the maintenance of good order and the continuity of classroom instruction and such absences may result in the removal of the student from a class or course of study. Before any such action is taken, every effort shall be made to identify the habitual truant, investigate the cause or causes of the student's behavior, and consider the modification of the student's educational program.

The Superintendent shall calculate and monitor the average daily attendance rate for the district and for each school in the district. Whenever the average daily attendance rate does not meet the New Jersey Department of Education requirements, the Superintendent or designee shall develop a district improvement plan to improve student attendance pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:30-5.2.

N.J.S.A. 18A:36-14; 18A:38-25

N.J.S.A.: 34:2-21.1 et seq.

6A:16-7.6; 6A:32-8.3

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