

ATTENDANCE  
ATTENDANCE FOR CREDIT

FEC  
(LOCAL)

ATTENDANCE  
COMMITTEES

The Board shall establish an attendance committee or as many committees as necessary for efficient implementation of Education Code 25.092.

The Superintendent or designee shall make the specific appointments in accordance with legal requirements.

PARENTAL NOTICE  
OF EXCESSIVE  
ABSENCES

A student and the student's parent or guardian shall be given written notice prior to and at such time when a student's attendance in any class drops below 90 percent of the days the class is offered.

METHODS FOR  
REGAINING CREDIT

When a student's attendance drops below 90 percent but remains at least at 75 percent of the days the class is offered, the student may earn credit for the class by completing a plan approved by the principal. This plan must provide for the student to meet the instructional requirements of the class as determined by the principal.

If the student fails to successfully complete the plan, or when a student's attendance drops below 75 percent of the days the class is offered, the student, parent, or representative may request award of credit by submitting a written petition to the appropriate attendance committee.

Petitions for credit may be filed at any time the student receives notice, but in any event, no later than 30 days after the last day of classes.

The attendance committee shall review the student's entire attendance record and the reasons for absences and shall determine whether to award credit. The committee may also, whether a petition is filed or not, review the records of all students whose attendance drops below 90 percent of the days the class is offered.

Absences for which the student has shown extenuating circumstances shall be considered as days of attendance for computing the required percentage of attendance.

Students who have lost credit because of excessive absences may regain credit by fulfilling the requirements established by the attendance committee.

DOCUMENTATION

Parents/guardians are required to send notes when students have been absent from school. All students whose **unexcused non-recognized** absences exceed the number that would allow them to meet the required percentage of attendance shall either be referred to the principal or be reviewed by the attendance committee. The committee may request that the parent/guardian appear before the committee.

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| PERSONAL ILLNESS                              | <p>When a student's absence for personal illness exceeds five consecutive days, the student shall present a statement from a physician or health clinic verifying the illness or condition that caused the student's extended absence from school.</p> <p>A student with a chronic or long-term illness shall present to the principal a written statement from his or her physician describing the nature of the student's illness. A student who has properly notified the District shall not be required to present an additional statement from a physician if the student is absent more than five days due to the illness.</p> <p>If the student has established a questionable pattern of absences, the attendance committee may also require a physician's or clinic's statement of illness after a single day's absence as a condition of classifying the absence as one for which there are extenuating circumstances.</p> |
| GUIDELINES ON<br>EXTENUATING<br>CIRCUMSTANCES | <p>The attendance committee shall adhere to the following guidelines to determine attendance for credit:</p>   |
| DAYS OF<br>ATTENDANCE                         | <p>1. All absences shall be considered in determining whether a student has attended the required percentage of days. If makeup work is completed, absences for religious holy days, required court appearances, and health care appointments shall be considered days of attendance for this purpose. [See FEB]</p>   |
| TRANSFERS /<br>MIGRANT<br>STUDENTS            | <p>2. A transfer or migrant student incurs absences only after his or her enrollment in the District.</p>  |
| BEST INTEREST<br>STANDARD                     | <p>3. In reaching consensus regarding a student's absences, the committee shall attempt to ensure that its decision is in the best interest of the student.</p> <p>4. The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative regulations addressing the committee's documentation of the decision.</p>  |
| DOCUMENTATION                                 | <p>5. The committee shall consider the acceptability and authenticity of documented reasons for the student's absences.</p>  |
| CONSIDERATION<br>OF CONTROL                   | <p>6. The committee shall consider whether the absences were for reasons out of the student's or parent's control.</p>   |
| STUDENT'S<br>ACADEMIC RECORD                  | <p>7. The committee shall consider whether or not the student has completed assignments, mastered the essential knowledge and skills, and maintained passing grades in the course or subject.</p>  |

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INFORMATION  
FROM STUDENT OR  
PARENT

8. The student or parent shall be given an opportunity to present any information to the committee about the absences and to discuss ways to earn or regain credit.

IMPOSING  
CONDITIONS FOR  
AWARDING CREDIT

The committee may impose any of the following conditions for receiving credit lost because of excessive absences:

1. Completing additional assignments, as specified by the committee or teacher.
2. Satisfying time-on-task requirements before and/or after school.
3. Attending tutorial sessions as scheduled.
4. Attending Saturday classes.
5. Maintaining the attendance standards for the rest of the semester.
6. Taking an examination to earn credit.
7. Other alternatives approved by the Superintendent.

In all cases, the student must also earn a passing grade in order to receive credit.

APPEAL PROCESS

A parent or student may appeal the decision of the attendance committee in accordance with FNG(LOCAL) beginning at Level Three.