

ATTENDANCE
ATTENDANCE FOR CREDIT

FEC
(LOCAL)

**Absences
Considered**

Except as otherwise provided by law, all absences incurred while enrolled in the District shall be considered in determining whether a student has been in attendance for 90 percent of the days the class is offered.

**Attendance
Committees**

The Board authorizes the establishment of an attendance committee or as many attendance committees as necessary for efficient implementation of state law.

The Superintendent is authorized to 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. When a student's attendance drops below 90 percent of the days the class is offered, the student, parent, or representative may request award of credit or a final grade by submitting a written petition to the appropriate attendance committee.

A petition for credit or a final grade may be filed in accordance with administrative regulations. The attendance committee shall review the student's entire attendance record and the reasons for absences and shall determine whether to award credit or a final grade. [See Imposing Conditions for Awarding Credit or a Final Grade, below]

Regardless of whether a petition is filed, the attendance committee may also review the records of all students whose attendance drops below 90 percent of the days the class is offered.

A student who has lost credit or has not received a final grade because of excessive absences may regain credit or be awarded a final grade by fulfilling the requirements established by the attendance committee.

Personal Illness

The principal or attendance committee may require verification from a health-care provider in accordance with administrative regulations as a condition of classifying an absence for personal illness as one for which there are extenuating circumstances.

**Best Interest
Standard**

In reaching consensus regarding a student's absences and how the student can be awarded credit or a final grade, the attendance committee shall attempt to ensure that its decision is

**Guidelines on
Extenuating
Circumstances**

in the best interest of the student. The Superintendent shall develop administrative regulations to document the attendance committee's decision.

The attendance committee shall consider whether a student has mastered the essential knowledge and skills, and maintained passing grades in the course or subject makeup work is completed satisfactorily, the attendance committee shall consider extracurricular absences and other excused absences as days of attendance for award of credit or a final grade. [See FEA]

The attendance committee shall consider whether the reasons for the absences were out of the parent's or student's control and whether documentation for the absence is acceptable.

**Imposing Conditions
for Awarding Credit
or a Final Grade**

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 or be awarded a final grade.

The attendance committee is not required to assign a student to attend a specified program for an amount of time equivalent to the student's absences (i.e., "seat time").

The attendance committee shall consider the student's unique circumstances and, if necessary, shall impose other conditions for awarding credit or a final grade that permit the student to meet the instructional requirements of the class. Conditions may include:

1. Maintaining attendance standards for the rest of the semester.
2. Completing additional assignments, as specified by the committee or teacher.
3. Attending tutorial sessions as scheduled.
4. Completing other instructional programs, as specified by the committee.
5. Taking an examination to earn credit. [See EHDB]

In all cases, the student must 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).