

1 **BROWNING PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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3 Policy:

4 **Policy Name:** *Student Tardy/Attendance*

5 **Regulation:** #3010R

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7 The Board believes and research supports that students who attend school regularly are more successful than
8 those who do not. Students are responsible for attending class. To support attendance, BPS has adopted an
9 Attendance Incentives practice. (Please see below.)

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11 The learning experiences that take place in the classroom environment are an essential part of the educational
12 process. Absences and tardiness tend to disrupt the continuity of the instructional program and the time lost from
13 class is irretrievable, particularly in terms of opportunity for interaction and exchange of ideas between students
14 and teachers. Missing class hinders a student’s ability to master the subject matter, and this may be reflected in the
15 grade.

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17 Grades earned in any course shall reflect the student’s fulfillment of academic requirements, achievement, and
18 daily participation. The administration does not condone absences that detract from our academics.

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20 The Board’s attendance policy is designed to prepare students to become self-reliant and responsible citizens. The
21 Board recognizes the diverse needs of students. Consequently, administrative practices allow for flexible paths to
22 graduation, which may include alternative attendance plans.

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24 The attendance policy will reflect our belief that through encouragement and positive incentives students are more
25 likely to attend school on a regular basis.

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27 **Positive Incentive Approach-** In combination with the Board of Trustees and community partners students will
28 be recognized ~~on a weekly basis~~ for no tardiness or absenteeism.

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34 **Cross Reference:** #3002 Student Handbook Policy
35 #3005 Compulsory Attendance-Admittance
36 #3010 Student Attendance-Tardy
37 #3020 Retention Policy
38 #3200 Student Behavior-Discipline
39 #3900 Student Appeal

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41 **Legal Reference:** MCA 20-5-103 Compulsory Attendance and Excuses
42 MCA 20-5-104 Attendance Officer
43 MCA 20-5-105 Attendance Officer-Powers and Duties
44 MCA 44-2-507 Notice to Parents of Children Absent From School

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47 **Policy History:**

48 Adopted on: 8/3/15

49 Amended on: 7/25/19

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