

# POLICY ————— PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

STUDENTS

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### 5230 – LATE ARRIVAL AND EARLY DISMISSAL

The Board of Education requires that students be in attendance for the full school day in order to benefit from the instructional program. That requirement will be waived only when compelling circumstances require that a student be late to school or dismissed from school before the end of the school day.

The Principal may excuse for cause the late arrival and early dismissal of a student on the prior written request of the student's parent, legal guardian or designated and authorized adult. Good cause may include, but need not be limited to, medical and dental appointments that cannot be scheduled outside the school day, medical disability, a motor vehicle driver's test, interviews for college entrance or employment, and court appearances.

No student under the age of eighteen will be permitted to leave the school before the end of the school day except in the presence of the student's parent, legal guardian or designated and authorized adult, or an agent of the parent or legal guardian unless participating in Vo-Tech or a Structured Learning Experience (SLE). At all elementary schools, the middle school and the high school the parent shall sign a register and produce a valid government identification when the student is dismissed early.

The Principal shall maintain a record of the parents, legal guardians or designated and authorized adults of each student. If one parent has been assigned custody of the student by court order or separation agreement and wishes to limit the noncustodial parent's access to the student, the parent in custody must inform the Principal of any such limitation and may request that his or her authorization be required before the noncustodial parent is granted access. In the absence of such notice, the Principal will presume that a student may be released into the care of either parent.

A student who suffers an incapacitating medical disability must present themselves to the school nurse and they will be released from school nurse's office only in the presence of an adult: a parent, legal guardian, or designated and authorized adult.

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