

**Blue Water Middle College Academy (BWMCA)
Board of Education Policy**

Attendance

Strong attendance is critical to student success in high school and college. The Blue Water Middle College Academy staff communicates to students the value of showing up to every class and the steps to take when they must be absent. Because BWMCA students attend classes at one of our six partner high schools, St. Clair County Community College, or *virtually* in online classes, monitoring daily school attendance is often difficult if not impossible. However, BWMCA students are subject to consequences when they do not show up for class.

BWMCA student must follow attendance requirements of the school, the instructor, or the type of class they are taking. The variety of policies students must follow are listed below:

Attendance at partner high schools

Blue Water Middle College Academy students attending one of our partner high schools must follow the attendance policy of that school. Failure to meet the requirements of the school can result in disciplinary and/or academic consequences that will be imposed by the partner high school. BWMCA staff work with the partner high schools to keep each other informed of potential student attendance issues and address them with students and parents before the consequences become significant.

Attendance at St. Clair County Community College

St. Clair County Community College (SC4) instructors have their own individual attendance policies that are communicated to students at the beginning of each class and listed in the course syllabus. Some instructors set a maximum number of absences, after which, a student cannot pass the class regardless of their academic performance. Other instructors set no limit on the number of absences. It is the responsibility of the student to know and follow the attendance policy of each of their instructors.

Online courses

BWMCA students can take online high school and college courses. Online high school courses offered by the BWMCA via Michigan Virtual University or Edgenuity 20/20 have in-person seat time and contact requirements. The requirements depend on the number of courses a student is taking and are listed in a contract approved and signed by the student and parent prior to beginning the online course. Failure to meet these requirements will result in the student being prohibited from taking online classes from the BWMCA in the future.

Students taking online courses through one of our partner high schools are subject to their attendance and contact requirements.

Students taking online SC4 college courses are subject to the requirements set forth by the instructor. These may include certain levels of participation in online discussions. Some online courses require students to take proctored exams in SC4's Testing Center within certain time frames. Failure to meet the instructor's requirement can result in failing the course.

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