

## Board of Trustees Douglas County School District

## STUDENTS

### ATTENDANCE

The Board requires that the students enrolled in the schools of this District attend school regularly in accordance with the laws of the State. The educational program offered by this District depends upon the presence of the student and requires continuity of instruction and classroom participation. The regular contact of students with one another in the classroom and their participation in any well-planned instructional activity, under the direction of a competent teacher, are vital to student success. Regular attendance is an important factor in determining student competency and the grades or credits that are earned by students in the District.

Attendance shall be required of all students enrolled in the schools during the days and hours that schools are in session unless it is shown to the satisfaction of the Board that the mental condition of the student is such that he or she cannot benefit from instruction or that the physical condition of the student is such as to prevent attendance at school.

The Board of Trustees is required to establish a minimum number of days of attendance for promotion (NRS 392.122). The DCSD Board of Trustees has established a policy requiring 90% attendance for promotion to the next grade or earning credit. The emphasis of the attendance policy is on the importance of keeping students in school and providing access to the curriculum. Students who do not meet the minimum number of days of attendance will be considered for grade retention or credit not being awarded. Exceptions will be considered for extenuating circumstances such as those that are medically related and verified by a licensed physician. Verifiable family emergencies will also be considered when a student does not attend the minimum number of days of attendance.

The Board of Trustees directs the Superintendent to establish regulations regarding the School Attendance Review Board (SARB) and its duties, including regularly reviewing student attendance and providing administrative sanctions as necessary as required by NRS 392.148.

[See Administrative Regulation related to this Policy](#)

Reference: NRS 392.040 et seq

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