

MINERAL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ATTENDANCE POLICY

This policy shall be shared with parents upon initial enrollment in the Mineral County School District and in accordance with NRS 392.040

Nevada Revised Statute (NRS 392.040) requires that "...except as otherwise provided by law, each parent, custodial parent, guardian or other person in the State of Nevada having control or charge of any child between the ages of 7 and 18 years of age shall send the child to a public school during all the time the public school is in session in the school district in which the child resides unless the child has graduated from high school."

It is the policy of Mineral County School District that enrolled students attend regularly in accordance with the Nevada Revised Statutes. It is the position of the Board of School Trustees that regular attendance is critical to the educational development of students and if a student is absent, the learning process is adversely affected since interaction in the classroom setting can seldom be duplicated by make-up work.

It is the belief of the Mineral County Board of School Trustees that parents/guardians, administrators, teachers and students share in the responsibility to establish and maintain the highest standards of school attendance. Regular school attendance contributes to high academic achievement and fosters the development of good attendance habits as students prepare to enter the work force.

Therefore, it shall be the policy of the Mineral County School District that:

1. Students who are enrolled for a full school year in the Mineral County School District must be in attendance for a minimum of 162 days (90%) on a 180 day student calendar in order to be promoted to the next higher grade, or earn high school credit. Students who are enrolled for less than a full year must be in attendance for ninety (90) percent of the period of their enrollment in order to be promoted to the next higher grade.
2. For the purposes of this policy, an absence shall be for all, or part of a day as defined in the District Attendance Regulations.
3. A student shall be excused from the requirements of Section 1 of this policy if the parent or legal guardian submits a certificate, in writing, to the principal of the school from a qualified physician, acting within his authorized scope of practice, stating the student is unable to attend school, the reason for such condition, and the dates for which the condition has occurred.

Or...

4. A student in grades kindergarten through eighth may be exempt from the requirements of Section 1 of this policy if he/she meets the following criteria:
 - a. As determined through a conference between the teacher, administrator, parents and the student (as appropriate), and
 - b. The student is at, or above, the median score for his/her grade level in mathematics, reading and language arts on the curriculum based measurements for his/her school, or
 - c. The student is at, or above the RIT cut score for his/her grade level on the MAP test and in the "Meet" score on all Criterion Referenced Test (CRT) assessments, or
 - d. In grades 5 through 8, the student completes the designated summer instruction packets and/or has fulfilled the credit requirements to be considered for promotion to the next grade or conditional promotion to the high school.

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5. A student in grades nine through twelve may be exempt from the requirements of Section 1 of this policy if he/she meets the following:
 - a. The student and his/her parent or guardian meet with the principal or his/her designee and agree to a plan to assure improved attendance in writing; and
 - b. The student adheres to the requirements set forth in the plan outlined in subsection a of Section 5; and
 - c. The student earns credit in the courses he/she is enrolled in; and
 - d. The student has not previously agreed to a plan to assure improved attendance.

LEGAL REFERENCE: NRS Chapter 392.040; 392.122

This policy supersedes policy adopted