

Attendance

The District is an active partner with students and parents in the task of ensuring that all students meet or exceed the New York State Learning Standards. The District recognizes that consistent school attendance, academic success, and school completion have a positive correlation, and therefore has developed an attendance policy with the following objectives:

- a. Increase school completion for all students;
 - b. Raise student achievement and close gaps in student performance;
 - c. Identify attendance patterns in order to design attendance improvement efforts;
 - d. Know the whereabouts of every student for safety and other reasons;
 - e. Verify that individual students are complying with education laws relating to compulsory attendance;
 - f. Determine the District's average daily attendance for state aid purposes.
- Based upon the District's education and community needs, values, and priorities, the District has determined that absences, tardiness, and early departures will be considered excused or unexcused according to the following standards:

- a. Excused: An absence, tardiness, or early departure may be excused if due to personal illness, illness or death in the family, medical or dental appointment, impassable roads due to inclement weather, religious observance, quarantine, required court appearances, attendance at health clinics, pre-approved college visits, approved cooperative work programs, military obligations, or other emergency situations approved by campus principal.
- b. Unexcused: An absence, tardiness, or early departure is considered unexcused if the reason for the lack of attendance does not fall into the above categories. (e.g.. family vacation, hunting, babysitting, haircut, obtaining learner's permit, road test, oversleeping, etc.).

A written excuse, signed by a parent or person in parental relation should be presented by the student when returning to school following each absence.