Student Attendance, Truancy, and Chronic Absenteeism

Regular and punctual student attendance in school is essential to the educational process. Connecticut state law places responsibility for assuring that students attend school with the parent or other person having control of the child. To assist parents and other persons in meeting this responsibility, the Bethany Board of Education (Board), through its Superintendent, will adopt and maintain procedures to implement this policy.

In addition, the Board takes seriously the issue of chronic absenteeism. To address this issue, the Board through its Superintendent will adopt and maintain procedures regarding chronic absenteeism in accordance with state law.

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Connecticut General Statutes § 10-198e

Connecticut General Statutes § 10-198f

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