

Endeavor Charter School Policies

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POLICY STATEMENT

Endeavor Charter School (“ECS”) is a tuition-free public school. A student’s consistent attendance at school throughout the year is critical to ensuring the student’s ability to appropriately progress in the challenging, hands-on ECS curriculum. In addition, a student’s attendance during the first twenty days of school is critically important to the School’s ability to receive funding from the state for that student. Each day missed by a student during the first twenty school days reduces the amount ECS can receive from the state to educate that student.

Attendance Policy – General

North Carolina General Statute § 115C-378 requires that all children between the ages of 7 and 17 must attend school continuously during the school year. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 115C-378(c) and the School Attendance and Student Accounting Manual published by the North Carolina State Board of Education and Department of Public Instruction (the “Attendance Manual”),¹ a student may be temporarily excused from school for the following reasons and as further defined on pages 14-15 of the Attendance Manual:

1. Illness or injury;
2. Quarantine;
3. Death in the immediate family;
4. Medical or dental appointments;
5. Court or administrative proceedings;
6. Religious observance;
7. Educational opportunity;
8. Local school board policy;
9. Absence related to deployment activities; and
10. Child care.

Any absence that falls outside of the ten above-described categories of lawful absences will be deemed unlawful and unexcused.

First Day Attendance Policy

Students not in attendance for any grade level by 12:00 pm on Day 1 of a school year will be withdrawn, and the next student on the wait list will be contacted and offered admission. The process excludes those with a prior approved absence for Day 1 from the ECS Board of Directors

¹ The Attendance Manual is available at <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/media/1258/open>.

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Governance Committee. In the event a student must be absent due to illness or injury on Day 1, the student must present documentation from a physician or advanced practice provider of illness-preventing attendance.

A parent/guardian may appeal the withdrawal of a student from Endeavor Charter School due to failure to meet this attendance policy as stated above. A written appeal must be emailed to the ECS Board of Directors Governance Committee Director by 5:00 pm on the day after the notification of the withdrawal.