

INSTRUCTION

Opportunity School/Class/Program

The Governing Board has established an opportunity school for students aged 15 and younger (7 – 9 grade) who are in danger of becoming habitually truant from instruction which they are lawfully required to attend or who are, or are in danger of, becoming irregular in attendance, or who are in danger of becoming insubordinate or disorderly during their attendance upon instruction to resolve their problems so that they may maintain themselves in regular classes or re-establish themselves for return to regular classes or regular school as soon as practicable.

Minimum Attendance Requirements

The minimum day for an opportunity school is 180 minutes.

Enrollment

No student shall be required to attend an opportunity school, class, or program for adjustment purposes until both the student and the student's parent/guardian have been notified in writing of the intended assignment. The notice to the parent/guardian, insofar as is practical, shall be in the parent/guardian's primary language and shall request the parent/guardian to respond within 10 days. If the parent/guardian does not respond, the person responsible for assigning the student shall make a reasonable effort to contact the parent/guardian by telephone to communicate directly the information contained in the written notice.

The person responsible for assigning students to opportunity school, class or program for adjustment purposes shall make such assignment only upon the recommendation of a school committee formed for that purpose. The committee shall include, but need not be limited to, a representative of the school district who is familiar with the student's progress, a representative of the opportunity school, class, or program and the parent/guardian of the student at the option of parent/guardian. The parent/guardian may designate a representative such as a counselor, social worker or other community member to attend the meeting of the committee.

Student progress shall be evaluated not less than twice each school year for adjustment purposes to determine whether the student would benefit by returning to regular school or classes. Those participating in the review shall include a representative of the opportunity school, class or program who is familiar with the student's progress., and the parent/guardian of the student concerned at the option of the parent/guardian.

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