

POLICY

LACEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

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The Board of Education operates a preschool program for the benefit of students and families of the Lacey Township School District Community. The preschool program has expanded since its inception and while the Board has allocated resources for the growing demand for preschool enrollment, space limitations, regulatory requirements, and finite resources do not always allow for all students to be enrolled whose families are desirous of enrollment. Therefore, resident students may be waitlisted until available seats in the program become available. Preschool education is not mandatory under New Jersey statues, the Board adopts this district preschool program attendance policy to ensure those students granted enrollment in the program follow through with attendance and do not otherwise deprive other students that would seek to enroll and fully participate in the program.

A student in the district preschool program who is absent for ten (10) consecutive school days, or has accumulated eighteen (18) or more unexcused absences, will be automatically disenrolled from the program unless the parent provides a note to the principal from the student's physician prior to the student's ninth (9th) consecutive absence or seventh (17th) non-consecutive absence from the program. The physician's note must indicate the physician examined the student and must provide the medical reason for the student's absence and how long the student's medical condition shall keep the student from attending the program. In addition, a student may be disenrolled from the program if the student's regular and timely attendance cannot be established. Disenrollment of a student not regularly attending the program will allow for a child on the waiting list to be given the opportunity to enroll in the program. Families will be given every opportunity to establish regular attendance, and may be disenrolled from the program only when, at the discretion of the district, families have not demonstrated regular attendance. Regular attendance shall be consistent with the minimum expected of students in grades K-12.

Parents of students who are excessively late to the district preschool program with five (5) or more late drop-offs in one month will be contacted by the Preschool Social Worker in order to offer resources and guidance in an effort to get their child to school on time. If the number of lates does not improve after a conference with the Preschool Social Worker, the parent will be required to attend a meeting with the Preschool Principal or designee to develop and facilitate an action plan to get the student to school on time. A student may be disenrolled from the program if the late drop offs continue after contact with the Preschool Principal or designee, and the failure to successfully complete the attendance action plan.

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