No. 5150
SECTION: STUDENTS
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OXFORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

A. It shall be the duty of each school principal to vigorously enforce and strictly interpret the compulsory attendance laws as stated in the Pennsylvania School Code.

B. Every day of student absence shall be explained by a written note from the student's parent or guardian. Principals have the authority to require a written excuse from a physician in such cases as they deem necessary.

C. Failure to produce a required excuse within three (3) school days from the student’s return to school may cause an absence to be considered "illegal."

D. If a student is denied school-furnished transportation for disciplinary reasons, the compulsory attendance laws still apply, and students who are absent because transportation is not furnished shall be considered illegally absent.

E. Attendance need not always be within the school facilities, but a student will be considered to be in attendance if present at any place where school is in session by authority of the Board, or the place where the student is receiving approved tutorial instruction or health care, or at a place where the student is engaged in an approved and properly supervised work-student or career education program or at home when the student is receiving approved homebound instruction.

F. Tardy shall be defined as not being present for less than one-third (1/3) of the instructional time. Absent shall be defined as not being present for more than one-third (1/3) of the instructional time.

H. The Superintendent or designee shall develop a procedure for the implementation of this policy. These procedures shall be made part of the building handbooks.