## Sec. 1. ATTENDANCE FOR CREDIT

Except as provided below and in accordance with Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc.'s (AAL) open-enrollment charter contract, a student shall not be given credit or a final grade for a class unless the student is in attendance 90% of the days the class is offered.

A student's excused absence resulting from a serious or life-threatening illness or related treatment may not be considered in determining whether the student has satisfied AAL's attendance requirements. *Tex. Educ. Code § 25.092(a-3)*.

Excepted as noted above, AAL's attendance requirements include both excused and unexcused absences.

A student who attends fewer than 90% percent of the days the class is offered may be referred to the Attendance Committee to determine whether the absences were due to extenuating circumstances and how the student may regain credit or earn a final grade.

## Sec. 2. ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE

The Board authorizes the formation of an Attendance Committee or as many Attendance Committees as necessary for efficient implementation of this Policy. The Superintendent is authorized to make specific appointments of Attendance Committee members in accordance with legal requirements.

### a) *Extenuating Circumstances*

In determining whether there were extenuating circumstances for the absences, the Attendance Committee will use the following guidelines:

1. Excepted as noted in Section 1 above, all absences will be considered in determining whether a student has attended the required percentage of days.
2. If makeup work is completed, absences for the reasons listed at Board Policy PG-3.202 (Compulsory Attendance) will be considered days of attendance for this purpose.
3. A transfer or migrant student begins to accumulate absences only after he or she has enrolled in AAL.
4. For a student transferring into AAL after school begins, only those absences after enrollment will be considered.
5. In reaching a decision about the student's absences, the Attendance Committee will attempt to ensure that it is in the best interest of the student.
6. The Attendance Committee will consider the acceptability and authenticity of documented reasons for the student's absences.



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7. The Attendance Committee will consider whether the absences were for reasons over which the student or the student's parent could exercise any control.
8. The Attendance Committee will consider the extent to which the student has completed all assignments, mastered the essential knowledge and skills, and maintained passing grades in the course or subject.
9. The student, parent will be given an opportunity to present any information to the Attendance Committee about the absences and to talk about ways to earn or regain credit.
10. The Attendance Committee will consider whether the student has mastered the essential knowledge and skills and maintained passing grades in the course or subject.

**b)** ***Conditions for Awarding Credit or a Final Grade***

The Attendance Committee may utilize any of the following conditions for regaining credit or earning a final grade for students with excessive absences:

1. Attending summer school.
2. Attending tutorial sessions, including Saturday school or before- or after-school programs.
3. Completing additional assignments, as determined by the Committee or teacher.
4. Maintaining attendance standards for the remainder of the semester.
5. Taking an examination to earn credit.

A student must earn a passing grade in order to receive credit or earn a passing grade.

**c)** ***Appeal***

The student or parent may appeal the Attendance Committee's decision to the Board by filing a written request with the Superintendent in accordance with Board Policy PG-3.509 (Parent and Student Complaints and Grievances).

**Sec. 3. WITHDRAWAL FOR NONATTENDANCE**

AAL may withdraw a student under the age of 19 for nonattendance ten days after the student last attended if the student's whereabouts are unknown. *Student Attendance Accounting Handbook § 3.4.3*.

AAL may revoke for the remainder of the school year the enrollment of a student 19 years of age or older who has more than five unexcused absences in one semester, except that AAL may not revoke enrollment on a day on which the student is physically present at school. *Tex. Edu. Code § 25.085(e)*.



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