

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HUMBOLDT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

POLICY 5030

PUPILS

Student Enrollment and Attendance (Compulsory Education Compliance)

Purpose

The Board of Trustees affirms that regular student attendance is foundational to academic success and a quality educational experience. This policy supports compliance with Nevada’s compulsory education laws and promotes consistent engagement in classroom instruction.

Scope

This policy applies to all enrolled pupils, including kindergarten and first grade students, across HCSD schools operating on both 150- and 180-day calendars.

Policy Statement

Compulsory Attendance Requirement

Students ages 6–18 must attend school daily unless legally exempt per NRS 392.040. Once enrolled—even if under age 7—attendance becomes mandatory unless officially withdrawn.

Minimum Attendance Standards and Chronic Absenteeism

To earn promotion or credit, students must be in attendance for at least 90% of the school days. Absences approved per state law (e.g., religious holidays, verified illness) are excluded from this calculation when documented appropriately. All approved and unapproved absences are counted for determining whether a student is chronically absent per NRS 392.130.

Excused vs. Unexcused Absences

Excused absences are defined by NRS 392.130 and include illness, medical appointments, approved religious observances, emergencies, and other lawful causes. Unexcused absences without valid justification are considered truancy.

Truancy and Habitual Truancy

A student becomes truant after an unexcused absence. Habitual truancy is declared after three or more truancy incidents. HCSD will follow escalating interventions including family outreach, referral to attendance review boards, and—if necessary—law enforcement or administrative sanctions.

Parent Notification and Acknowledgment

Parents must receive and acknowledge district attendance and withdrawal policies prior to the

child's initial enrollment in kindergarten or first grade. The district shall maintain procedures to verify acknowledgment and monitor compliance. (Forms available in Regulation 5030)

Monitoring and Enforcement

Attendance will be tracked daily using designated codes. Schools will notify parents of excessive or unexcused absences in a timely, language-accessible manner. Denials of credit or promotion due to attendance require written notice and appeal procedures.

Equity and Legal Compliance

Students with disabilities may be exempt from attendance provisions as certified by medical or behavioral professionals under NRS 392.050. HCSD remains committed to equitable application of attendance rules and due process in all enforcement actions.

LEGAL REFERENCE: NRS Chapter 392.040-220.

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