

**Students**

**Student Attendance and Truancy**

Regular and punctual student attendance in school is essential to the educational process. Connecticut state law places responsibility for assuring that students attend school with the parent or other person having control of the child. To assist parents and other persons in meeting this responsibility, the Board of Education, through its Superintendent, will adopt and maintain procedures to implement this policy.

Legal References:

Connecticut General Statutes §10-220, Duties of boards of education

Conn. Gen. Stat. §10-221, Boards of education to prescribe rules

Connecticut General Statutes §10-184, Duties of parents

Connecticut General Statutes §10-186, Duties of boards of education re attendance

Connecticut General Statutes §10-198a, Policies and procedures concerning truants

Guidelines for Reporting Student Attendance in the Public School Information System (Connecticut State Department of Education, January 2008)

Connecticut State Department of Education Circular Letter C-2, *Utilizing Local Support Resources Prior to Referral of Students for Family with Service Needs* (August 4, 2009)

Connecticut State Board of Education Memorandum, *Definitions of Excused and Unexcused Absences* (June 27, 2012)

Connecticut State Department of Education, *Guidelines for Implementation of the Definitions of Excused and Unexcused Absences and Best Practices for Absence Prevention and Intervention* (April 2013)

Policy References:

Board of Education Policy 5113, Attendance and Excuses

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