

STUDENTS

ADMISSION AND ATTENDANCE

REGULATION§8-17 Attendance: Absence and TardinessAbsences

All absences should be investigated by each teacher as far as possible. A written excuse from parents must be required in case of absence. Teachers will report through the principal to the Attendance Officer problem cases involving conduct and attendance. In many cases, a short talk with parents will secure better attendance or correct habits of tardiness.

Truancy

All cases of truancy should be promptly reported to the parents.

Students 18 Years of Age or Older

Students who are 18 years of age or older are not required by state law to attend school. If they choose to enroll, however, they are expected to be in regular school attendance under Policy §8-17.

Any such student whose attendance record shows a pattern of violation of the attendance policy shall be warned in writing that continued failure to attend school regularly will result in disciplinary action. If his or her attendance following that warning is still unsatisfactory, the principal shall notify the student in writing that he or she must come to the principal's office for a hearing on his or her violation of attendance regulations. If reasonable and acceptable explanations of absences are not produced at this hearing, or if the student does not appear for the hearing, the principal may take disciplinary action as authorized under Policy §8-27, Disciplinary Action by the Principal.

Unless the student is no longer under parental control, the notices, warnings, and hearings required by this regulation shall be given to both the student and his or her parents or guardians.

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