



Dear Parent or Guardian,

Regular school attendance is necessary for a successful school experience. Instructional continuity is interrupted when a student is frequently absent, tardy, or dismissed early from school. Understanding that regular attendance in school is necessary for students to gain the most from their education, we encourage parents/guardians to establish positive attendance habits with their children.

The school laws of Pennsylvania, specifically Act 138 of 2016 and the amended Act 16, dictate the requirements for mandatory school attendance as well as procedures to follow when students are absent/tardy. These laws and procedures are reflected in School Board Policy #204 of the Central Bucks School District. They require that every parent/guardian must elect to have their child enter school “no later than 6 years of age until the child reaches 18 years of age”, which is referred to as compulsory age.

As we begin the school year, we want to remind you of the specific procedures regarding attendance.

Parent/Guardian Alert About Student Absences When your child is not in school, you will receive both

_____ text message and email notification. The purpose of this is to ensure that you are aware that your child is not in school on a given day(s).

Excused Absences Parent/guardian must notify the attendance office by 10:30am for elementary and 9:00am for secondary via Parent Portal. Emails are not accepted. Absences submitted through the Parent Portal will also serve as the excuse for the absence. For extenuating circumstances in which a parent/guardian does not have internet access and must excuse their student by phone, within 3 days after returning to school, the student must present a written excuse note signed by the parent/guardian to the principal well in advance of the absence.

Secondary students who are absent more than twenty days from any one year course may be denied academic credit for that course. Credit for semester courses may be denied if ten days of absence are exceeded. In addition, students who are absent for more than twenty days may be ineligible to

participate in extracurricular activities and/or compete in PIAA sports. Special consideration will be given to those students who are seriously ill.

Religious Observance For full or parttime absence of a student to observe a religious holiday, it is necessary that the request be put in through the Parent Portal prior to the religious holiday(s).

Educational Tours or Trips Requests by parents/guardians for permission to have children absent from

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Estimado padre o tutor,

La asistencia regular a la escuela es necesaria para una experiencia escolar exitosa. La continuidad de la instrucción se interrumpe cuando un estudiante está frecuentemente ausente, llega tarde o es despedido temprano de la escuela. Entendiendo que la asistencia regular a la escuela es necesaria para que los estudiantes obtengan los máximos beneficios de la educación pública, el Distrito Escolar Central Bucks insta a todos los padres / tutores a enfatizar la puntualidad y los hábitos regulares de asistencia con sus hijos.

Las leyes escolares de Pensilvania, específicamente la Ley 138 de 2016 y la Ley 16 enmendada, dictan los requisitos para la asistencia escolar obligatoria, así como los procedimientos a seguir cuando los estudiantes están ausentes / llegan tarde. Estas leyes y procedimientos se reflejan en la Política de la Junta Escolar #204 del Distrito Escolar Central Bucks. Requieren que cada padre / tutor elija que su hijo ingrese a la escuela "a más tardar a los 6 años de edad hasta que el niño cumpla 18 años de edad", lo que se conoce como edad obligatoria.

Al comenzar el año escolar, queremos recordarle los procedimientos específicos con respecto a la asistencia.

Alerta de padres / tutores sobre las ausencias de los estudiantes: Cuando su hijo no esté en la escuela, recibirá un mensaje de texto y una notificación por correo electrónico. El propósito de esto es asegurarse de que usted es

Tours o viajes educativos: Las solicitudes de los padres / tutores para obtener permiso para que los niños ausentes de la escuela para visitas o viajes educativos deben ser hechas y procesadas por el director o su designado. La solicitud debe ser recibida por el director al menos diez (10) días antes de la ausencia anticipada. El número total de días de ausencia aprobados no excederá de cinco (5) días en un año escolar determinado. Los días que excedan estas pautas se considerarán ilegales y / o injustificadas. E (u)-s. 5



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