

CHAPTER 5.00 – STUDENTS

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

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- I. Regular attendance is the actual attendance of a pupil during the school day as defined by law and regulations of the State Board of Education. A student who is absent or tardy without the principal's approval shall have his/her parent(s)/legal guardian report such absences or tardies to the school in the manner prescribed by the Code of Student Conduct.
 - A. The Code of Student Conduct shall prescribe attendance requirements including, but not limited to, provisions for excused and unexcused absences, opportunities to make up work assignments, and reporting absences.
 - B. Students shall be excused from any examination, study, or work assignments for observance of a religious holiday or because the tenets of his/her religion forbid secular activity at such time. The school principal shall implement this provision on an individual basis pursuant to Alabama statutes and State Board of Education rules.
 - C. No adverse or prejudicial effects shall result to any student who avails himself/herself to the provisions of this rule.
- II. Student attendance will be monitored on a daily basis and parents contacted as required by law.
- III. A person designated by the Superintendent or his/her designee shall investigate truancy problems. The parent/legal guardian is expected to support regular school attendance and may be subject to punishment bylaws when students are truant.
- IV. Student attendance for driver's license purposes shall be processed as prescribed by law.
- V. Each school and the system shall take appropriate action as required by Alabama statutes when a student has excessive absences or is truant.

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16-1-30**

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