

Purpose

To define the school system student attendance policy

Definitions

Absences - A student is “absent” or “not attending” if the student is not physically present on school grounds and not participating in instruction or instruction-related activities at an approved off-grounds location for less than 10% of the school day.

Truancy – The failure of a student to attend school as required by law, without lawful cause for absence.

Tardy – The failure of the student to be present in school at the prescribed time or the failure of the student to be present in a class at the time prescribed to begin instruction.

Full day - A student is reported for a full-day of attendance if the student is attending an instructional program approved by the state, local school system, and/or school for greater than half of the school day.

Partial Day - A student is “present” or “attending” for a partial day of attendance if the student is attending an instructional program approved by the state, local school system, and/or school for 10% to 50% of the school day.

Policy Statement

Regular school attendance is expected of all students in the Allegany County Public Schools. School attendance is directly related to school achievement. In order to maximize academic achievement, there must be a unified effort by all school staff, parents, students, and the community to improve overall school attendance. School administrators, teachers, and support staff are expected to make all reasonable attempts to assist students and parents in addressing those factors which cause students to be absent from school.

Legal Reference			
Policy History	Adopted	Reviewed Revised May 9, 1995	Revised June 8, 1999, 1 st Reading July 1, 2000, 2 nd Reading May 13, 2008, 1 st Reading June 10, 2008, 2 nd Reading March 21, 2017, 1 st Reading April 11, 2017, 2 nd Reading June 8, 2021, 1 st Reading August 3, 2021, 2 nd Reading