

ACTIVITIES AND ATTENDANCE RELATING TO INSTRUCTION

The board of education believes that attendance in regularly scheduled classes is a key factor in student achievement and that absences from those classes represent a loss of educational opportunity. However, the board also believes that the extra-curricular program of the school district and coordinated field trips which enhance instruction have value as well and that such activities should be encouraged for the development of well-rounded citizens.

The board shall support extra-curricular activities and approved field trips and at the same time direct administrators and teachers to minimize absenteeism from regular classes in providing students with such opportunities.

The board expects to ensure that the educational program will be protected from student activities of questionable educational value. The principal shall determine participation based on the contribution made by the activity to the school's educational goals.

Student and staff involvement shall be maintained in the formation, organization, chartering, regulating and funding of the activities in the program.

Reference: State Department of Education, Standards for Accreditation of Elementary, Middle, Secondary and Area Vocational and Technical Level Schools, 1994, p.83.