

## STUDENT ATTENDANCE

The Tonkawa Board of Education believes that no single factor does more to aid a student's successful progress in school than regular attendance. The board, also, values learning experiences that take place in the classroom environment and considers them to be meaningful and essential parts of its educational system. In order for students to realize their fullest potential from educational efforts, they should have regular attendance in their classes. Absences tend to disrupt the continuity of the instructional process, and the time lost from the class is irretrievable, particularly in terms of opportunity for interaction and exchange of ideas among students and teachers. Therefore, classroom attendance is considered to be an integral part of the student's course of study.

Pursuant to state statutes and in an effort to provide all students with continuity of instructional experience and expertise, the board requires all students to attend school regularly. The principal has the authority to excuse students for absences due to illness or an emergency at the request of the parent or guardian. A student who is excused must, however, still fulfill the school's requirements for advancement.

### **Dismissal During the School Day**

No staff member may excuse any student from school prior to the end of the school day, or into any person's custody, without the direct prior approval and knowledge of the building principal or his designee.

The building principal should not excuse a student before the end of the school day without a request for early dismissal by the student's parents. Telephone requests for early dismissal of a student may be honored only if the caller can be positively identified as the student's parent or guardian.

No student will be excused from the campus without first checking out through the principal's office. School personnel should refrain from sending students on errands away from the campus during the regular school day.