

The board affirms the principle that classroom instruction is vital and, therefore, the expectation is for every student to be at school and in class on time. Tardiness to class disrupts the teaching and learning process. In an effort to develop habits of promptness and responsibility, any student with an excused tardy will have a note from the guidance office or the main office indicating the tardy is excused and should not be recorded. All other tardies are unexcused.

Parents will be contacted when a student is tardy without an excuse. District-wide procedures will be established to address habitual tardiness with consistency.

Legal References: G.S. 115C-36, -47, -378 to -383; *School Attendance and Student Accounting Manual*, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (2000)

Cross References:

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