

Vallivue School District #139

The board of trustees of the Vallivue District recognizes that, because time on task is very important to the education of students, it is necessary to establish and enforce attendance requirements. Students are required to be in attendance at school with no more than six (6) absences per semester. In enforcing the attendance requirements, the board may deny a promotion to the next grade or deny credit to any student who is not in school for this required time. If a student is determined to be a habitual truant, the board may expel or disenroll the student.

CALCULATING ATTENDANCE

Absence from class for any reason, including family convenience and vacations, will be counted when the percentage of attendance and consequent eligibility for promotion or credit is being considered. Except in extraordinary circumstances, students are expected to be present at school and in their assigned grade or subject. See school handbooks and attendance procedures for specific exempt absences.

Extraordinary circumstances may include, but are not limited to, verified illness or medical treatment with proper documentation from a licensed health official, involvement in an accident or malady which would preclude regular attendance with the proper documentation from a licensed health official, pregnancy-associated difficulties documented by a licensed health official, death in the family or death of close friends, and medical or dental professional appointments with documentation.

DENIAL OF PROMOTION OR CREDIT

Students not meeting the aforementioned criteria for attendance requirements will not receive credit or be promoted even though they may have passing grades. The parent/guardian who has valid reasons to believe that all or parts of the absences are the result of extraordinary circumstances may file a written request for review by the building attendance committee. Such request must be made within five (5) days of receiving notice of the denial. The building attendance committee will review the records and the circumstances and determine whether or not the student will receive credit or be promoted. The attendance committee will be appointed by the school principal. Following is the criteria that will be used by the attendance committee to make its determination if credit will be granted:

- Attendance for current and previous year or semester
- Grades for current and previous year or semester
- Make up of work missed, including whether the work was made up prior to the absence or after the absence.
- Make up of time missed in supervised attendance during the school year or during the period immediately following the completion of the school year.

The decision of the attendance committee may be appealed to the superintendent. This appeal must be submitted to the superintendent within ten (10) days after the attendance committee submits its decision. The superintendent will render a decision on the appeal within ten (10) days after receiving the appeal.

The student will be allowed to continue to attend classes pending the board’s determination in this matter.

HABITUAL TRUANT DEFINED

A habitual truant means any student who, in the judgment of the board, repeatedly has violated this attendance policy, or any child whose parent or guardian has failed or refused to cause the pupil to be instructed as provided by Idaho Code Section 33-202.

EXPULSION FOR HABITUAL TRUANCY

Pursuant to Idaho Code Section 33-205, the board may expel a student because he or she is a habitual truant, as defined in this policy. The procedure for expulsion is set forth in Policy 544 (Student Expulsion/Denial of Enrollment). The student will be allowed to continue to attend classes pending the board’s determination in this matter.

NOTICE TO PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

A habitually truant student who is between the ages of seven (7) and sixteen (16) years of age comes under the purview of the Juvenile Corrections Act.

If the board determined that a student is a habitual truant, whether or not the student is expelled or disenrolled, the board, or its designee, will notify the prosecuting attorney, in writing, in the student’s county of residence, pursuant to Idaho Code Section 33-207.



LEGAL REFERENCE:

- Idaho Code Sections
- 33-202
- 33-206
- 33-207
- 33-506(1)

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