

ATTENDANCE

PURPOSE:

This policy serves the purpose of establishing the expectations of the North Kingstown School Committee in regards to the fulfillment of the State Regulation to require student attendance at the North Kingstown School Department.

PHILOSOPHY:

The School Committee recognizes the importance of regular attendance to attain maximum benefit from the educational program provided in North Kingstown and the necessity for the development of good attendance habits to achieve this end. All provisions of this policy and ensuing regulations shall be consistent with the provisions of the General Laws of Rhode Island.

The goal of the District is to assist students in obtaining and meeting proficiency standards by the end of the grade level and ultimately, to meet the graduation requirements. Attendance is crucial in providing support and intervention.

POLICY STATEMENT:

Each student enrolled in a North Kingstown school shall be required to be in attendance at their school of assignment during all the hours of each established school day except when absent for causes allowed by law, where the physical or mental condition of the child is such as to render attendance at school inexpedient or impractical or when participating in an approved off campus alternative educational program.

Students who were absent are subject to disciplinary procedures as determined by the Principal.

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