

Students

**Student Attendance and Truancy**

Connecticut state law requires parents, or other persons having control over the child, to cause their children to attend school regularly during the hours and terms the public school is in session. It is the philosophy of Regional School District #10 that regular attendance in classes is an essential part of the students' educational experience. Daily contact with teachers and other students in a dynamic academic environment is a vital and valuable part of each student's intellectual and social growth.

This philosophy is founded on four educational principles:

- The student has an obligation to be an active participant in the educational process that occurs in the classroom.
- Regular attendance enhances personal growth, increases knowledge, and improves social skills necessary for full participation in American society.
- Absence from school or from a specific class has a direct and negative effect on student learning, and the earning of credits toward graduation.
- Excessive absences are a drain on the resources of the school, resources that can and should be diverted to educational services or activities that benefit all students.

To assist parents/guardians and others in meeting this responsibility, the Regional School District #10 Board of Education, through its Superintendent, will adopt and maintain procedures to implement this policy.

Legal References            Connecticut General Statutes 10-184,  
   Connecticut General Statutes 10-198a  
   Connecticut General Statutes 10-199 through 10-202  
   Connecticut General Statutes 10-221.

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