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In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:38-25, every parent, guardian, or other person having control and custody of a child between the ages of six and sixteen shall cause the child to regularly attend school. The Board of Education requires ~~the students~~ pupils enrolled in the schools of this district attend school regularly in accordance with the laws of the State. ~~The educational program offered by this district is predicated on the presence of the pupil and requires continuity of instruction and classroom participation. The regular contact of pupils with one another in the classroom and their participation in a well-planned instructional activity under the tutelage of a competent teacher are vital to this purpose.~~

In accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.6, a student's absence from Attendance at school may be excused, unexcused that counts toward truancy, or unexcused that does not count toward truancy for certain absences as defined by the Board. All absences for reasons other than excused, shall be unexcused.

Students Pupil that are absent from school for any reason are responsible for the completion of assignments missed because of their absence. ~~A No student pupil~~ **who is absent from school excused for observing a religious holiday shall not be deprived of an any award, or eligibility, or opportunity to compete for any an award, or deprived of the right to take an alternate test or examination opportunity that was missed because of the absence provided there is a written excuse of such absence signed by the parent to make up a test given on the religious holiday.**

Prolonged or repeated absences, excused or unexcused, from school or from class, deprive ~~the students pupil~~ of the **educational and** classroom experiences deemed essential to learning and may result in retention at grade level

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or loss of credit **or removal from a course that would count** toward the high school diploma in accordance with policies of this Board.



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Students Pupils shall be subjected to the school district's response for unexcused absences **that account toward truancy** during the school year as outlined in N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.68(a)4 and Regulation 5200.

~~In addition, Unexcused absences from school or from classes within the school day may shall subject a student pupil to consequences the disciplinary rules of the Board, which that~~ may include the denial of a **student's pupil's** participation in co-curricular activities and/or athletic competition. **Repeated absences from school Repeated truanies** that interfere with efforts of this Board and its staff in the maintenance of good order and the continuity of classroom instruction **and such absences** may result in the **removal suspension or expulsion of the any student pupil from a class or the course of study during which absences have occurred or the suspension or expulsion in accordance with Policy Nos. 5610 and 5620.**

The Superintendent shall calculate and monitor the average daily attendance rate for the district and for each school in the district. Whenever the average daily attendance rate ~~for the district or for a school in the district~~ does not meet the New Jersey Department of Education requirements the Superintendent or designee shall develop **a district improvement plan to improve student attendance pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:30-5.2** ~~performance objectives to improve pupil attendance pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:32-12.2(a)3.~~

N.J.S.A. 18A:36-14 ~~et seq.~~; 18A:38-25 ~~et seq.~~

N.J.S.A. 34:2-21.1 et seq.

N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.68; **6A:32-8.3**

Adopted:

