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Attendance Guidelines

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Per the Connecticut State Board of Education, a student's absence from school will be deemed excused up to and including the ninth absence only if written documentation that lists/explains the reason for the absence has been submitted when the student returns to school. Students must attend school for a minimum of 3.5 hours to be considered present.

Upon the tenth absence and any thereafter, a student's absence(s) from school are considered excused for the following reasons only:

1. Student illness (Note: all student illness absences must be verified by an appropriately licensed medical professional to be deemed excused, regardless of the length of absence);
2. Student's observation of a religious holiday;
3. Death in the student's family or other emergency beyond the control of the student's family;
4. Mandated court appearances (additional documentation is required);
5. Lack of transportation that is normally provided by a district other than the one the student attends (no parental documentation is required for this reason); or
6. Extraordinary educational opportunities that are pre-approved by district administrators and in accordance with Connecticut State Department of Education guidance.

A student's absence from school will be considered unexcused unless one of the following criteria is met:

1. The absence meets the definition of an excused absence (including documentation requirements); or
2. The absence is the result of school or district disciplinary action.

As always, we strive to create a partnership with our students and their families. Please know that we are available to discuss thoughts, questions, or concerns.

Your partner in education,

Elise Butson, Principal

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