2018-2019 STUDENT ATTENDANCE REPORTING PROCEDURES

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INTRODUCTION

This handbook has been developed to assist school personnel, parents, and students to understand and develop procedures consistent with Federal, State, and District attendance policy and procedure requirements.

There are probably no factors more important to a student’s progress in school than regular and punctual school attendance. Miami-Dade County Public Schools has a vision whereby each student engages in a rigorous course of study which prepares the student for a myriad of successful post-secondary options.

Students who are tardy or absent excessively from their instructional program will fall behind in academic achievement. Excessive school absenteeism precedes grade failure, loss of interest, and may result in students withdrawing from school.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools has the affirmative obligation to inform parents of student absences, and to ensure that the compulsory attendance laws are enforced as mandated by Florida Statutes. Raising standards and promoting a high level of student achievement are paramount in all District initiatives. The key is developing a school-wide culture that promotes a sense of safety, respect and personal responsibility, where students feel connected and know that someone notices, in a caring manner, when they missed school. Student attendance is a means of improving student performance and is critical in raising student standards.

Staff should note that attendance records and reports are required by Chapter 1003.23, Florida Statutes, which states in part:

“All officials, teachers, and other employees in public schools shall keep all records and shall prepare and submit promptly all reports that may be required by law and by rules of State Board of Education and district school boards. Such records shall include a register of enrollment and attendance and all persons described above shall make these reports therefrom as may be required by the State Board of Education. The enrollment register shall show the absence or attendance of each student enrolled for each school day of the year in a manner prescribed by the State Board of Education. The register shall be open for inspection by the designated school representative or the district school superintendent in which the school is located. Violation of the provisions of this section shall be a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided by law. This section shall not apply to home education programs provided in s. 1002.41.”

It is the hope of staff in the Federal and State Compliance Office that these procedures will assist you in your continued effort to encourage your students to attend school regularly.
I. STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

A student is considered in membership for a given school on the first day the student attends classes. To ensure uniform recording of entry and withdrawal dates, the following procedures must be followed.

Entries
Entry date will be the first day the student attends classes

Withdrawals
Withdrawal date will be the school day following the last day the student is in membership. This date and the appropriate code must be entered into DSIS in a timely manner.

If a student withdraws from school on a day the student is in attendance, the appropriate withdrawal code must be recorded on the day following the last day of the student's membership.

If a student is withdrawn while absent, record the withdrawal code on the day following the day it was officially determined that the student withdrew.

A withdrawal is official when one or more of the following occurs:

- **The parent who enrolls the student and completed the Emergency Student Data Form** notifies the school that the child is permanently leaving the school to enroll in another school;
- A request for the student’s school record is received from a public or private school, in- or out-of-state, in which the student is enrolled or plans to enroll;
- The student has been promoted, graduated, has a certificate of completion, special certificate of completion, or holds a valid certificate of exemption from the superintendent as provided under Chapter 1003.21, Florida Statute;
- A school official determines that the child has moved and permanently left school, has died, or has become eligible for withdrawal from school under provisions of Chapter 1001.53, Florida Statute; or
- If a student is withdrawn with a W26 code (Enter Adult Education), a Student Declaration of Intent to Terminate School Enrollment form (FM-5741) along with the exit interview document (FM-4274) Dropout Survey Record must be completed.

Note: If the “day following” falls on a day when school is not in session, record the code on the next date when school is in session.

Summary - A student is in membership in the District Student Information System (DSIS) on the entry date and is not in membership on the date of withdrawal. At the end of the school year, appropriate withdrawal codes must be recorded on the day after the last day of school. The district's graduation, dropout, and truancy rates will be generated from the withdrawal codes in DSIS.
Withdrawals of Special Note

Principals are reminded that they are to adhere to the following withdrawal procedures specified below:

**W26** - Adult Education Entry: Non compulsory age student who withdraws from PK-12 program to enter the adult education program prior to completion of graduation requirements. A **Student Declaration of Intent to Terminate School Enrollment** form (FM-5741) and the exit interview (FM-4274) **Dropout Survey Record** must be completed. These documents must be maintained in the student’s cumulative record.

Principals are reminded that students withdrawn with a W26 who are **not** enrolled in an academic adult education course are automatically converted to a W15 Code (non-attendance); impacting the school’s dropout and graduation rates.

**DNE** - Did Not Enter (No Show): Any K-12 student who was expected (registered) to attend a school but did not physically attend as expected for unknown reasons.

Principals are reminded that they are to make and document efforts to ascertain the whereabouts of any student identified as a no show (DNE).

**W22** - Any PK-12 student whose whereabouts is unknown.

Schools must follow procedures to comply with Florida Statutes 1003.24 and 1003.27 for a students whose whereabouts are unknown.

Note the following possible scenarios and the action which your school should take:

**Scenario 1**: Certified letter (non-attendance letter created by the school) cannot be delivered by U. S. Postal Services.

**Action**: Submit **Request Withdrawal of Student W-22 Form** (FM 7633) signed by Principal to the Federal and State Compliance Office via Self Service at [http://selfservice.dadeschools.net](http://selfservice.dadeschools.net), along with a copy of the undelivered certified letter, a copy of the "Domestic Return Receipt" card that notes why the mail was undeliverable, a copy of the SCAM indicating excessive absences and any additional evidence used to reach the parent. The Federal and State Compliance Office will withdraw the student utilizing the code W22-Whereabouts Unknown.

**Scenario 2**: Student ran away from home.

**Action**: Submit **Request Withdrawal of Student W-22 Form** (FM 7633) signed by Principal to the Federal and State Compliance Office via Self Service at [http://selfservice.dadeschools.net](http://selfservice.dadeschools.net), along with a copy of the police report and a copy of the SCAM indicating excessive absences. The Federal and State Compliance Office will withdraw the student utilizing the code W22-Whereabouts Unknown.
A copy of the police report letter and the “Domestic Return Receipt” should be placed in the student’s cumulative record.

**Scenario 3:** Consecutive Non-Attendance of 15 days or more.

**Action:** Submit Request Withdrawal of Student W-22 Form (FM 7633) signed by Principal to the Federal and State Compliance Office via HEAT Self Service at http://selfservice.dadeschools.net. If the home is vacant or the family has moved, the Student Case Management System in DSIS must be documented with the home-visit attempts and any additional evidence used to reach the parent. The Federal and State Compliance Office will review and withdraw the student utilizing the code W22-Whereabouts Unknown, if appropriate.

Only the parent who enrolls the student and completed the Emergency Student Data Form (FM-2733) may withdraw or transfer the student. (Board Policy 5131(J) – Student Transfers and Controlled Open Enrollment)

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*STAY IN SCHOOL*
II. RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE

All absences will initially be recorded as “U” unexcused absences on the Electronic Gradebook and in the DSIS online system. The school will change the status, if appropriate, to “A” excused on receipt of a valid reason for the absence (Page 7, TYPES OF ABSENCES for additional information).

Attendance Defined

- **School Attendance**: Students are to be counted in attendance only if they are actually present for at least two hours of the day or engaged in a school-approved educational activity which constitutes a part of the instructional program for the student. (Board Policy 5200 – Attendance)

- **Class Attendance**: Students are to be counted in attendance if they are physically present in class for at least half of the class period, have been excused by the teacher on a class-related assignment, or have been requested by a member of the school support staff for an approved school activity.

**Block or Flexible Schedules** for Reporting Class Absences of Secondary Students - A double blocked period constitutes two single class periods. If a student is absent from a double blocked period, this will constitute two absences for that class.

| Each student who is scheduled at a school center for instructional purposes for a partial day and at a vocational-technical center, vocational school or community college for part of the day shall be reported as present, if in attendance. |

**Late Arrival and Early Dismissal** – (Board Policy 5200–Attendance, 5230 - Late Arrival and Early Dismissal and 5845 – Student Activities)

Students shall be in attendance throughout the school day. If a student is late to school or to be dismissed before the end of the school day, the parent shall notify the school in advance and state the reason for the tardiness or early dismissal. Justifiable reasons shall be determined by the principal.

- **Tardy**: Tardiness is the absence of a student at the time the regularly scheduled session begins, provided that the student meets the definition for being present before the close of the day. A student who is tardy should never remain on record as being absent.

Section 1003.02(1)(b), F. S. states, “District school boards are authorized to establish policies that allow accumulated unexcused tardies, regardless of when they occur during the school day, and early departures from school to be recorded as unexcused absences.”

A student who has 20 or more cumulative tardies will not be allowed to participate in interscholastic competitions or performances for the remainder of the school year.
• **Early Sign-outs**: No student shall be released within the final thirty (30) minutes of the school day unless authorized by the principal or principal’s designee (i.e., emergency, sickness).

  No student shall be permitted to leave school prior to dismissal at the request of, or in the company of anyone other than a school employee, a police officer with judicial authority, a court official, or the parents of the student unless the permission of the parent is provided. No parent may have access to the student or may grant permission to allow the student to leave school prior to dismissal if there is a legally binding instrument or court order governing such matters as divorce, separation, or custody which provides to the contrary. The Emergency Student Data Form (FM-2733) governs early release/withdraw of the students. The person who signs/verifies the form is responsible for providing information that is consistent with the most recent court order governing such matters as divorce, separation, or custody.

  No student shall be sent from school grounds to perform an errand or act as a messenger except with the approval of the principal and only for urgent and necessary school business and with the consent of the student's parent.

  No student who has a medical disability which may be incapacitating may be released without a person to accompany them.

  No student shall be released to anyone not authorized by the parent.
III. TYPES OF ABSENCES

Excused Absences

Board Policy 5200 - Attendance, defines Excused School Absence as:

A. Personal illness of the student (medical evidence may be required by the principal or designee for absences exceeding five consecutive days). The written statement must include all days the student has been absent from school. If a student is continually sick and repeatedly absent from school due to a specific medical condition, the student must be under the supervision of a health care provider in order to receive excused absences from school.

B. Medical Appointment: If a student is absent from school due to a medical appointment a written statement from a health care provider indicating the date and time of the appointment must be submitted to the principal.

C. Death in immediate family.

D. An approved school activity (absences recorded but not reported).

E. Other absences with prior approval of the Principal.

F. Attendance at a center under Department of Children and Families supervision.

G. Significant community events with prior permission of the Principal. When more than one school is involved, the Region Superintendent will determine the status of the absence.

H. Observance of a religious holiday or service when it is mandated for all members of a faith that such a holiday or service is observed. The religious holiday must be listed on the district’s approved list of religious holidays (Exhibit #2, Page 45).

I. Military Connected Students – M-DCPS is committed to assist students from military families and will continue efforts to facilitate the development and implement policies that directly impact children of military personnel. In an effort to ease the burden of our students who have parents that may be deployed or on “Block Leave”, schools will allow up to a total of five days of excused absences each academic year to allow families time together.

   • The absences are to be preapproved by the school principal.
   • Students shall have a reasonable amount of time, to complete make-up work.
   • Attendance Correction Form (FM-5556) will be sent to the Federal and State Compliance Office, via Self Service at http://selfservice.dadeschools.net. for processing.

Furthermore, attendance recordkeeping programs have been modified to ensure that students may not be disqualified from Perfect Attendance recognitions/awards at the school or district level. Deployment-related absences will not negatively impact a school’s percent of attendance.

J. Event or educational enrichment activity that is not a school-sponsored event, as determined and approved by the Principal: The student must receive advance written permission from the Principal. Examples of special events include: public functions, conferences, and Regional, State and National competitions.

K. Court appearance of the student, subpoena by law enforcement agency or mandatory court appearance.

L. Outdoor suspensions. (this code should not be used)
M. Appointments for a therapy service provided by a licensed health care practitioner or behavior analyst certified pursuant to Florida law for the treatment of autism spectrum disorder including, but not limited to, applied behavioral analysis, speech therapy, and occupational therapy.

N. Other individual student absences beyond the control of the parent or student, as determined and approved by the Principal, require documentation related to the condition.

**Course Make-up**

If the absences are excused, all educational requirements for the course shall be met before a passing grade and/or credit is assigned. The student shall have a reasonable amount of time, up to three (3) school days, to submit make-up work for excused absences. Students will have the opportunity to submit assignments in a period of time equal to the number of days absent.

**Unexcused Absences**

Any absence that does not fall into one of the above excused absence categories is to be considered unexcused. Any student who has been absent from school will be marked with an unexcused absence until the required documentation is received. **Failure to provide the required documentation within three school days upon the return to school will result in an unexcused absence.**

Unexcused absences include:
- Vacations, personal services, local non-school event, program or sporting activity
- Older students providing day care services for siblings
- Illness of others
- Non-compliance with immunization requirements (unless lawfully exempt).

Unexcused absences shall not be grounds for suspension from school but may result in detention or placement in existing alternative programs.

Any student who fails to attend any regularly scheduled class and has no excuse for absence should be referred to the appropriate administrator. Disciplinary action should include notification to parent.

**Course Make-up**

Unexcused absences do not require that the teacher provide make-up work for the student. However, the Attendance Review Committee may assign educationally-related activities to mitigate the loss of instructional time.

**Excessive Absences**

A student **accumulating ten or more class unexcused absences in an annual course or five or more class unexcused absences in a designated semester course** may have quarterly, semester and final grade(s) withheld pending an administrative screening and completion of assigned interventions by the Attendance Review Committee.
Official Daily School Attendance (ODSA)

DSIS is the official source document for the recording and submission of attendance data to the Florida Department of Education. **ODSA must be exported daily from the Electronic Gradebook.** The Electronic Gradebook is the source document for instructional staff to record attendance. The ODSA is maintained on the DSIS file. The following procedures will allow schools to efficiently capture, update, and track official school attendance using the Gradebook (Pinnacle 8).

1) **Official Daily School Attendance should be done during the 1st block or period for secondary schools and at the beginning of the school day for elementary schools.**

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*Alternative/Special Ed. Ctrs.* Will vary based on the grade configurations

a. Absent students are to be marked with “U” or “U2” (Block scheduling only).
b. Tardy students are to be marked with “T” or “TU”
c. Exceptions to the unexcused rule such as (E) Excused Early, (X) Religious Holidays/Military Connected Students, (I) Indoor Suspension and (O) Outdoor Suspension, (S) Special Note must be entered manually into DSIS by the Attendance Manager.

2) **Substitute Roster Attendance into Gradebook**

a. The Attendance Manager or principal designee with WGBA rights must use the Quick Attendance function to record Official Daily School Attendance (ODSA) for substitutes. Refer to Page 21 for detailed information.
b. Substitute teachers and full time teachers with no computer access (such as Itinerant) will need a Substitute Roster Report. Completed roster must be maintained by the Attendance Manager for audit purposes.

3) **Run Attendance Tracking Report** (part of the records for review during FTE audits)

a. The Attendance Tracking Report is run on a daily basis to identify teacher(s) that have or have not recorded the attendance in their gradebook. Refer to Page 32 for detailed information.

4) **Correct Attendance Discrepancies – Update Daily Code**

a. Attendance Editor feature can be used by the Attendance Manager to update Daily Code for an individual student without changing Class Attendance.
b. Batch Attendance feature can be used by the Attendance Manager to update Daily Code for a large number of students without touching Class Attendance.
5) Export Attendance from Gradebook. *(Once per school day only)*

   a. The Attendance Manager will export daily the attendance no later than:

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6) Approve/Edit Batch File *(SHOULD BE COMPLETED BEFORE 1:30)*

   Video demonstration can be found at: [http://videos.dadeschools.net/gbAttMan.html](http://videos.dadeschools.net/gbAttMan.html)

   a. Attendance manager must select in the DSIS main menu, **option 2** for Daily Attendance. From the Daily Attendance Applications menu, then select **option 7** (“Scantron Transaction/Gradebook”). Approve batch file or edit to remove errors.

   b. To approve Batch File, press “Enter”, if any “Error Report List” appear, print and check discrepancies. After corrections are made, space-out Student ID #'s and print your bulletin.

Critical Incidents Impacting Student Attendance

School evacuations or other critical incidents in a school may impact attendance reporting. **Official Daily School Attendance must be reported each day.**

The Attendance Manager must use the following attendance codes:

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<td>Excused Early</td>
<td>Attendance Manager-ODSA class only</td>
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<td>S</td>
<td>Special Note (i.e. field trip, assembly, Alternative to Outdoor Suspension, etc.)</td>
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<td>Indoor Suspension</td>
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<td>Special Holiday</td>
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**Military-Connected Students**

For students marked with an “E, S, I, O, M or X” for the official daily school attendance, teachers must use an excused absence (A or A2) for class attendance. Teachers should add a comment, to denote a reason for the excused absence.
The No-Show period for the 2018-2019 school year begins Monday, August 20, 2018, and will end Friday, August 24, 2018.

- Students that are registered but do not appear in school on the first day (August 20) must be entered as "No-Show" on the student calendar for the entire No-Show period (August 21-24, 2018).
- The Official Daily School Attendance (ODSA) will be taken in the Electronic Gradebook. To record students as a No-Show, the following actions must be taken:

**Teacher Action**
- Teachers must open the class designated for recording ODSA by clicking on the class tab.
- Click on Quick Attendance (located under Attendance).
- Click on the No-Show (NS) code for each No-Show student.
- **Important:** If all students appear on the first day of school, the teacher must click on the ALL PRESENT button on the right hand side of the page to report 100% attendance.
- Students who continue to be No-Shows must be marked in the Gradebook as NS through Friday, August 24, 2018 for each day the student does not enter school for the first time.
- Beginning Monday, August 27, 2018, the NS code will no longer be available to teachers.

**Attendance Manager Action**
- Run Attendance Tracking Report to identify teachers that haven’t recorded attendance in their gradebooks.
- In the Attendance Editor, click the Export button to transmit attendance from gradebook to DSIS.
- The Official Daily School Attendance must be exported from the Gradebook to DSIS per the schedule below on Monday, August 20, 2018 and each day thereafter.

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<td>Senior High Schools</td>
<td>12:00 p.m.</td>
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- **DSIS Approval/Editing of Gradebook Batches**
  - Prior to 1:00 p.m. schools must edit and approve the batch file in DSIS using the Gradebook /Scantron Transactions as follows:
    - **Select 7** from the Daily Attendance Applications Menu (press ENTER)
    - View the ID’s corresponding to the batches (press ENTER)
- View and **resolve** any errors/conflicts.
- Delete each student ID on the **errors/conflicts page** by pressing and holding the SPACE BAR (press ENTER)

**Access to Selection 7 will only be available if there are still errors/conflicts that need correction.**
- Now you are ready to print your attendance bulletin.

**WARNING:** Deleting the batch on the **Scantron Batch Edit** screen will prevent the attendance from posting to DSIS. You must process the **Scantron Batch Edit Error Report.**

- **Entry After No-Show (August 20-24, 2018)**
  - **DSIS Action** – When a No-Show student appears during the No-Show period, the Attendance Manager must enter the student using the “Entries After No-Show” screen on the Student Information Menu on the day the student appears. This action will automatically change the entry date on the student record and remove any No-Show designations on the calendar that appear after the entry date.
  - **Gradebook Action** – The Teacher will enter Attendance Code **ENT** on the first day the student attends class.

- **No-Show Processing**
  - On Friday, **August 24**, ITS will automatically withdraw all No-Show students that have not appeared with withdrawal code “**DNE**” and the effective date of **08/20/2018**.
  - Until the No-Shows are removed the students will appear on all reports.

- **Printing a Gradebook No-Show Report**
  - Attendance Manager must print a list of all No-Show students as recorded in the Gradebook following the steps below:
    - Click **New Report**
    - Click on **Administrative** category
    - Select **Daily Student Attendance Report by Period**
    - Select **Sort Option**

**SECONDARY SCHOOLS ONLY**

During each No-Show period, schools may order the Class List Summary Report, which shows seat counts minus the No-Show students as a separate report. This report can be ordered by selecting Class List in the Online Report Request System and indicating “**Y**” for Class List Summary Report.
Attendance Reconciliation

The procedures to update attendance in ISIS using Gradebook information for a previous day is as follows:

- From Apps|Services|Sites link in the Employee Portal, log into Gradebook (Pinnacle 8) using your network credentials
- Click New Reports
- Click Administrative or a list of Reports
  - Select Daily Student Attendance Report by Period
  - Select the date to be updated and check the box "All Students"
  - Click Run Report
- The report will show all attendance periods, choose the Homeroom Attendance.

- Homeroom Attendance will be entered in DSIS as follows:
  - 2. Daily Attendance
  - 1. Categorical Update of Attendance Data
    - 1. Absent or 2. Tardy
- Once all the information is entered, print the Daily Attendance Bulletin in DSIS.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** It is imperative that the official attendance in Gradebook and DSIS match.
Attendance Bulletin

Each school will run a daily Attendance Bulletin and maintain a copy as part of the audit trail for attendance and FTE (Full-Time Equivalent) reporting.

The Attendance Bulletins, attendance notes from parents and the summary reports must be retained at the school site for 3 fiscal years, these documents are imperative for FTE audits. The Attendance Bulletin should be distributed to all teachers or posted in a central location for teachers to verify student absences. A copy of the Attendance Bulletin should also be distributed to the school cafeteria manager.

Procedures When Unable to Print the Attendance Bulletin

Please note that if at any time a school is unable to enter attendance data or print the Attendance Bulletin, they should notify the Federal and State Compliance Office via Self Service at http://selfservice.dadeschools.net as soon as possible. If the Attendance Manager does not request and print the Attendance Bulletin on any given day, it will appear on the District Attendance Report with a notation “Schools Not Requesting Daily Bulletin” and an e-mail will be sent to the school principals to remind and/or inform them that the attendance has not been completed for the current day.

Attendance Corrections that Affect FTE Funding

After the last day of FTE survey week, entry/withdrawal dates and attendance that were recorded during FTE survey week, and the six consecutive days on which attendance was scheduled immediately prior to the survey week, cannot be changed by the school. Changes affecting FTE funding must be requested by sending Attendance Corrections forms (FM-5556) signed by the school principal to the Federal and State Compliance Office. Forms must be sent via HEAT Ticket (Self Service at http://selfservice.dadeschools.net). If more than 3 pages of corrections are needed, school site staff should make an appointment by e-mail to Ana Leon (aleon@dadeschools.net) or to Lisa Ocasio (lisa.ocasio@dadeschool.net) to come in to the office to update attendance.

Deadline to submit attendance corrections after the last day of the FTE survey week:

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<th>October 31, 2018</th>
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<tr>
<td>FTE Survey 3</td>
<td>February 27, 2019</td>
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Note: Requesting corrections after deadline requires approval from the Region Superintendent.

End-of-year archive for the Electronic Gradebook - All attendance corrections must be completed in Gradebook before June 13, 2019, at that time Gradebook will be inactivated and the 2018-2019 school year will be archived.
Roadmap to Progressive Discipline

Student Success Center Program

All students 11 years old and over who display a Level III through IV behavior as described in the Roadmap to Progressive Discipline are eligible for the Student Success Center (SSC).

- The Student Success Center (SSC) coordinator will contact the attendance clerk at the sending school on a daily basis prior to 10:00 AM to verify that the student is in attendance. **Attendance for the students present at the SSC site will be recorded as follow:**

  Gradebook - the Attendance Manager should mark the student with an “S” (Special Note) on DAILY (school attendance) and must enter a comment indicating that the student is attending the SSC. The teachers should mark the student with an “A” (Excuse Absent) because the student is not present in the class.

  DSIS – the Attendance Manager should mark the student with a “+” attendance screen (PF7) to denote that a student is present at the SSC site.

- If the student is absent from the Student Success Center the student's attendance for that day only will be placed in gradebook and DSIS as a U “Unexcused Absence.”

Pathways Program

Students in grades 6-12 that commit the most serious infractions of the Code of Student Conduct (Levels IV and V) may be recommended for expulsion and will be placed in the Pathways Program during the period of time which would have traditionally resulted in a ten (10) day outdoor suspension during the expulsion process. Students will receive academic support, in-house counseling services and receive wrap-around services from community agencies.

- The Pathways coordinator will contact the attendance clerk at the sending school on a daily basis prior to 10:00 AM to verify that the student is in attendance. **Attendance for the students present at the Pathway site will be recorded as follow:**

  Gradebook - the Attendance Manager should mark the student with an “S” (Special Note) on DAILY (school attendance) and must enter a comment indicating that the student is attending the Pathway. The teachers should mark the student with an “A” (Excuse Absent) because the student is not present in the class.

  DSIS – the Attendance Manager should mark the student with a “S” attendance screen (PF7) to denote that a student is present at the Pathway site.

- If the student is absent from the Pathways the student's attendance for that day only will be placed in gradebook and DSIS as a U “Unexcused Absence.”
Virtual School – Attendance

Virtual schools must maintain auditable attendance records and provide attendance information to the school district. Official school attendance is determined in one of two ways depending upon the program provider:

Attendance by Day:
Each time the student spends time online in the virtual instructional program attendance should be recorded. The following steps must be used to determine the number of days of instruction for attendance reporting:

• “Time spent online” on 180 or more days will be reported with Days Present, Annual equal to! 180 days and Days Absent, Annual equal to 0 days.
• “Time spent online” for less than 180 days will be reported with the number of Days Present, Annual based on the number of days “spent online”.
• Days Absent, Annual reported will be determined by subtracting the Days Present, Annual from 180.

Attendance by Hours:
Each time the student “spends time online” the hours of attendance should be recorded. Students in grades K-3 must attend at least 720 hours (4 hours per day) of instruction. Students in grades 4-12 must attend at least 900 hours (5 hours per day) of instruction. The following formula must be used to determine the number of days of instruction for attendance reporting:

• Record the hours of each student’s “time spent online”.
• Calculate the total number of hours the student “spends online”. The number of hours of instruction must be equated to days of attendance by using:
  o Grades K-3: Divide the total number of hours of instruction by 4.
  o Grades 4-12: Divide the total number of hours of instruction by 5.
• Record the total number of Days Present, Annual (not to exceed 180).
• Record the total number of Days Absent, Annual by subtracting Days Present, Annual from 180.
IV. PRINCIPAL’S RESPONSIBILITIES

The principal shall be responsible for the administration of attendance policies and procedures and for the accurate reporting of attendance in the school under their direction. The principal shall assure that all teachers and clerks are instructed in the proper recording of attendance, and it shall be their duty to see that such instructions are followed” (State Board Rule 6A-1.044 Pupil Attendance Records). The principal shall verify all attendance records for accuracy to determine that attendance data is reported and recorded in accordance with the approved method of attendance recording for district wide use.

Early intervention with student attendance is the most effective way of producing good attendance habits that will lead to their improved learning and achievement.

Principal’s responsibilities are defined by Board Policy 5200 – Attendance:

- Attendance/tardiness is taken and recorded by authorized persons at a designated times every official school day.

- A good faith effort is made to contact the parents of students absent from school every day. Parents will receive an automated telephone message notifying them when the student is absent.

- A review of classes that have excessive absences in order to determine if the quality of instructions is a factor in the failure of students to attend class on a regular basis.

- An authorized person determines the status of each absence/tardy.

- The steps outlined in Florida Statute 1003.26, regarding regular school attendance are implemented.

- An Attendance Review Committee is established at the school.

- Consideration of appeals made by students and/or parents regarding recommendations of the Attendance Review Committee.

- Attendance is daily recorded on the Electronic Gradebook by instructional staff.

- Documented efforts are made to ascertain the whereabouts of any student identified as a no show (DNE).

- Procedures as specified on Pages 2 and 3 are followed for any student identified as W22 - Whereabouts Unknown.

- Students withdrawing to a public school out of the District (W3A) are coded correctly and documented in DSIS.

- Students withdrawing to a public school out of Florida (W3B) are coded correctly and documented in DSIS.

- Certifying Attendance.
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT ON ATTENDANCE

The "Principal's Report on Attendance" will be available in Control D following the last day of each reporting period (Product #T0525P04-01). The report must be signed, dated, and maintained at the school site as part of the FTE audit trail.

Certification of School Attendance

Principals are required to certify student attendance after each grading period and at the end of the school year in June. The same process must be done at the end of summer school. The Principal’s Attendance Report Calendar (Exhibit #3, Page 46) indicates the dates to certify attendance online.

The procedures for certifying the accuracy and completeness of the Principal’s Report on Attendance through the online Certification of School Attendance are as follows:

- Sign on to DSIS, Selection 3, School Information.
- Select Option 5, Certification of School Attendance.
- Enter “Yes” after Certified. Press the enter key or the PF21 key. (This records the principal’s employee number.)
- Principals must type “yes” on the two fields when certifying attendance for the 4th reporting period and for the End of the School Year.

Attendance Tracking Report

Principals and FTE preparers are responsible to maintain a copy of the Attendance Tracking Report for each of the 11 days of the FTE Attendance Eligibility Window, as part of the records for review during FTE audits.

Please note the following:

The Attendance Tracking Report displays the teachers that have not reported attendance for the day. Elementary schools must select homeroom attendance and secondary schools must select all periods.

Truancy Intervention Program Compliance

Principals are required to complete Truancy Intervention Program Referral packets for students who have 15 unexcused absences within a 90 calendar period, please refer to the Truancy Intervention Procedures Handbook.
V. TEACHER’S RESPONSIBILITIES

Teacher’s shall encourage regular school attendance of students, maintain accurate attendance records, and follow reporting procedures prescribed by the Superintendent.

A. The teachers shall encourage class and school attendance with challenging and rigorous instruction and by demonstrating an interest in the welfare of students.

B. **Elementary school teachers are required to take attendance during homeroom and whenever students change instructors. Secondary school teachers are required to take attendance each period of the school day and report absences as required by the school.**

C. Upon request of the student or the parent, provide make-up assignments for excused absences/tardiness.

**Course Make-up**

Teachers are to provide within **three** days requested student/parent make-up assignments for all excused absences/tardiness. It should be noted that all course work, due to the nature of instruction, is not readily subject to make-up work.

Unexcused absences does not require for teachers to provide make-up work for the student. However, the Attendance Review Committee may assign educationally-related activities to mitigate the loss of instructional time.

**TEACHER’S GRADEBOOK**

Attendance eligibility for collecting FTE is based on the official recording of the school attendance. The Official Daily School Attendance (OSDA) will be taken daily from the gradebook of the teacher providing instructional service during the first block or period of the day. **The Electronic Gradebook** is the source document for the reporting of OSDA. Attendance will be collected as follows:

- Elementary Schools (PK – 5) Period HR
- K-8 Centers PK-5 Period HR
- Middle Schools 6-8 Period 00 (Advisement)
- Senior High Schools Period 00
- Straight schedule Period 01
- Block Schedule 01 and 02
- Block Schedule 03 and 04
- Alternative/Special Ed Ctrs. Will vary based on the grade configurations

Attendance information will be programmatically exported from the Electronic Gradebook to DSIS. Attendance adjustments to the DSIS system will be done by the principal’s designated Attendance Manager.

The teacher’s gradebook is a legal document required by state law. It can be summoned in any court case as a legal record of grades and attendance. Emphasis must be placed on accuracy, consistency, and recording of the students’ attendance and **must be a coordination of efforts to maintain the integrity of the gradebook.**
Teachers recording attendance must use the following attendance codes:

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<tr>
<th>Code</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Attendance Weight</th>
<th>Who can enter this code?</th>
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<tr>
<td>A</td>
<td>Excused Absence</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>All Teachers/Attendance Manager</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A2</td>
<td>Excused Absence – Block Schedule</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>All Teachers/Attendance Manager</td>
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<td>Excused Tardy – Block Schedule (Split Lunch)</td>
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<td>Unexcused Tardy – Block Schedule (Split Lunch)</td>
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<td>All Teachers/Attendance Manager</td>
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<tr>
<td>ENT</td>
<td>Entered Class</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>All Teachers/Attendance Manager</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WD</td>
<td>Withdrawn from Class</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>All Teachers/Attendance Manager</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NS</td>
<td>No Show. Did not enter – on roster but, not in attendance</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>All Teachers/Attendance Manager</td>
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Student absences must be recorded as A or A2 for excused absences, U or U2 for unexcused absences, and NS for students on class roster but have not reported to class. Teachers can add a comment to denote a reason for excused and unexcused absences.
Starting Pinnacle Application & Logging In

To launch the Pinnacle 8 gradebook application, start your Internet Browser (Firefox v2.0 or higher, Internet Explorer 7 or higher, Safari v2.0.4 or higher, Opera, or Google Chrome)

▼ You need to access the Employee Portal

▼ Click on the Applications/Sites Tab

▼ Click on the link Gradebook (Pinnacle )

▼ Log On to Pinnacle 8 Gradebook Application

▼ Type your Username: Employee number

▼ Type your Password: Network Password
Gradebook Home Page - Navigation

When logged in, the Gradebook home page is displayed. A message board on the right-hand side notifies all District staff of any useful Gradebook information.

In the upper right corner of this page, as well as most other pages, is a notification of which user is currently logged in for this session, a drop-list box that allows you to impersonate a teacher, plus a **Sign out** link to log out of the Gradebook application.

The left-hand navigation frame displays 4 navigational icons and supported links.

The **Attendance** section:
- **Batch Attendance**: will allow you to change class attendance for many students at a time.
- **Attendance Editor**: will allow you to change the Daily Reason (ODSA) for students

The **Reports** section:
- **My Reports**: this is where Administrative Reports are stored once they are run.
- **New Report**: will provide a list of available reports and allow you to print or preview these reports.
- **Student Schedule**: will allow you to view a student’s schedule

The **Options** section:
- **Edit Profile**: will allow a user to input contact information not imported from ISIS
- **Change Password**: Not used by M-DCPS. Use Password Management in the Employee Portal to update your password.

The **Groups** section:
- **Student Groups**: allows a user to create, change and delete groups of students for attendance recording and tracking purposes.
Taking Attendance – Substitute Attendance Procedures

Substitute Teacher Attendance Roster
When a teacher is unavailable to take Official Daily School Attendance (ODSA) or class attendance, a substitute teacher is required. The substitute is not given access to the Gradebook so a paper roster is necessary.

To print the Substitute Teacher Attendance Roster in Gradebook:

▼ From the Gradebook home page, click New Report.
▼ Click the + sign next to the Administrative report category to expand the list

▼ Scroll down and click on the Substitute Teacher Attendance Roster link.
▼ Enter the employee number of the absent teacher(s) in the box next to Teacher.
▼ Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click the Run Report button.
▼ The report can be printed when the report status says “Ready”
▼ The report title is a link to open and view the report. Click the title.
Quick Attendance

Quick Attendance is where the Attendance Manager enters Official Daily School Attendance (ODSA) for substitutes.

▼ First, start typing a teacher’s name or employee number in the Impersonating box in the upper right corner. When the teacher’s name appears below, click it to select it.

▼ Click on **Quick Attendance** from the Gradebook Home Page.

▼ Select the ODSA class by using the class tabs toward the top of the screen.
Select the appropriate attendance code to the right of the student’s name by clicking on it one time. If you make a mistake, click the code again to clear it.

a. After entering an attendance code, you may enter a comment (up to 45 characters) about a student’s attendance which will appear in the Parent/Student Grade Viewer in the Portal.

b. Once attendance has been entered for a class for a date, a check mark will be displayed on the class tab.

c. If the teacher has 100% attendance, clicking the All Present button removes the teacher’s name from the Attendance Tracking report.

If there is a padlock icon displayed on the class tab, this means that the date has been locked for this class, and no attendance codes may be entered from the gradebook.
**Attendance Grid**

The Attendance Grid screen displays all of the student attendance codes entered during the marking period for a class. You may access the **Attendance Grid** from the Home Page or Quick Attendance screens.

The attendance codes are color-coded and preset to the M-DCPS approved attendance codes.

By default, the current date is the highlighted column within the current week, and the number of other date columns will depend on the display of your computer screen. Use the left and right arrows next to the date field to scroll the display one week at a time to the left or right. Jump to another date range using the calendar icon to select the date. You may enter the date into the field or enter a “Smart Date” description, such as yesterday, next Monday, last week Thursday, and tomorrow, etc. You may also use Spanish.

If you select a class from the class tabs at the top of the screen, the date range will remain the same.

Total attendance by marking period, grouped by tardy codes and absence codes, is displayed in the column on the right. To change the marking period, click the drop-down list at the top of the column and select the marking period.

Attendance codes with a red triangle in the upper right corner of the cell have a comment associated with them. Hovering the mouse cursor over the cell will display a pop-up balloon with the comment.
If attendance has been entered for any date for a class, a checkmark will be displayed by the date at the top of the column.

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If there is a padlock icon at the top of a column, attendance has been locked for that date, and no attendance codes may be entered.

To edit or enter any attendance codes, click the date at the top of a column to go to **Quick Attendance** for that date.
Updating Daily Code

Attendance Editor

The Attendance Editor feature is used to manage attendance one student at a time to update the Daily Code for past, current or future attendance.

Examples of when to use Attendance Editor:
- Student arrives to school late
- Student checks out early
- Indoor/Outdoor suspension
- Religious Holiday
- Special Note (Field trips or Student Success Center Program)

To update Daily Code without touching the class attendance for one or more students:

▼ Log into the Pinnacle Gradebook without impersonating a teacher. (The box in the upper right-hand corner should be blank)

▼ From the Gradebook Home page, click the Attendance Editor link.

▼ In the Find Student text box (upper left-hand corner), start typing the last name or the ID number of the student. When the student’s name appears below, click it to select it. Repeat this step if more students are required.
Click the cell for Daily Code, in the provided list in the **Code** column and select the appropriate attendance code. Repeat this step for all listed students.

### Important Notes:

- Only **current day** absences and tardies are electronically **uploaded to DSIS**. All other codes must be manually updated in DSIS and the Daily Reason in Gradebook.

- Entry of arrival or dismissal time and comments are completely optional.
Batch Attendance

The Batch Attendance feature can be used by attendance managers to mass update students' Official Daily School Attendance (a.k.a. the Daily Code) for past, current or future attendance.

Examples of when to use Batch Attendance:
- Field Trips for a few students or a group
- Late bus

To update the Daily Code for a large number of students or for a group without touching class attendance:

▼ Log into the Pinnacle Gradebook without impersonating a teacher. (The box in the upper right-hand corner should be blank)

▼ From the Gradebook Home page, click the **Batch Attendance** link.

▼ Set the Date Range

▼ Find Class – Allows you to add attendance to all of the students in one or more classes.

▼ Find Student – Allows you to add attendance to one or more students that you manually choose OR... to take attendance for all of the students in a group.

▼ Select **DAILY** in the Hour box.

▼ Choose the appropriate **Attendance Code**.

Comments are optional.

▼ Click **Submit**.
Filtering Students

The filter function is used to find all students that match attendance code criteria coming from the teachers’ gradebooks.

▼ From the Attendance Editor, click the **Filter** icon

▼ Select 1 or more attendance codes from the list to filter on, then click **Apply Filter**

▼ Update the Daily Code for any required student
Attendance History

This feature in Gradebook gives the teacher and Attendance Manager the ability to view single student attendance history for a specific date, in a popup window.

On the Attendance Grid or Attendance Editor page, you can right-click a cell under a date in a student row to open a new window titled Attendance History for that date and student.
Reports

There are a number of reports available from the Pinnacle Gradebook application on school, class and student attendance, as well as schedules and tracking the taking of attendance from the teachers. All of these Reports may be accessed from the Home Page.

▼ From the Gradebook home page, click New Report

▼ Or…Click the My Reports link

The initial screen for My Reports is a list of previously requested Crystal Reports which may be repeatedly previewed or printed or updated with current information before previewing or printing. It may also be regarded as an In-Box for large requested Crystal Reports since you may log out or exit the application. When you return, your report will be waiting for you.

To request a report, click New Report on the Home Page or click the New button on the My Reports page. Reports which have been marked as Favorites will be displayed at the top of the screen.

Report defaults may include Attendance, Demographics, Discipline, Grading, Notes, and Other. To view the reports in each category, expand the list by clicking the plus sign (+) to the left of the category title or you may clicking Expand All to show all of the reports available.

Any of these reports maybe designated as a Favorite by clicking the star icon next to the report. Clicking the star again will remove the designation.

To run a report, click the title of the report. You will be presented with a parameters page. Each report will have a different set of parameters (or options) to fill in. Complete the required information and then click the Run Report button at the bottom of the page.
Attendance Tracking Report

This report is run on a daily basis to identify teachers that have or have not recorded attendance in their gradebooks.

d. From the Gradebook home page, click **New Report**

e. Click the “+” next to the Attendance category

f. Click the Attendance Tracking report link

g. Verify that the date range is set for today’s date

h. Verify that you have a check mark next to the ODSA class and remove the check mark next to all of the others

   o Elementary Schools use HR
   o Middle Schools use 00
   o High Schools use either 01 or 02

i. Click the **Print** button
Attendance Export

1. Login to the Employee Portal
2. Click on the Applications/Sites tab
3. Click on the link Gradebook (Pinnacle)
4. Type your Username: Employee number
5. Type your Password: Network Password
6. From the Gradebook home page, Click the Attendance Editor
7. In the Attendance Editor, click the Export button (see Important Notes below)
8. If you support more than 1 school, select another school from the School drop list and click the Export button again.

Important Notes:
- Pay careful attention to the screen. You will be notified of the successful upload by the message:
  ! [Attendance Export Completed successfully.]
- The message last for only a few seconds.
- If you must upload again, please submit a HEAT ticket. Select “Ask IT’S A Question” from the drop list
Highly Recommended Reports

- Attendance: Attendance Tracking
- Attendance: Attendance List
- Attendance: Skipped Classes
- Administrative: Daily Student Attendance Report by Period
- Administrative: Substitute Teacher Attendance Roster
- Administrative: Attendance History Report
- Administrative: Course Attendance Grid

Logging out

When you are finished working in your gradebook, be sure to click the [Sign out] link in the upper right corner of the screen. This will ensure that you've completely logged out of the gradebook. You will see a message similar to this:

✅ You have been logged out successfully.
VI. STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The goal of every child should be that of a “model student.” A model student is expected to be present at school each and every day, attend class as scheduled, arrive at school and class(es) on time, and demonstrate appropriate behavior and a readiness to learn.

Student's responsibilities as defined by Board Policy 5200 - Attendance:

A. Attend classes one hundred and eighty (180) days each school year or the number of instructional days prescribed for the school the student attends.

B. Request the make-up assignments for all excused absences/tardiness from teachers upon return to school or class within three (3) days.

   It should be noted that all classwork, due to the nature of instruction, is not readily subject to make-up work.

C. Complete the make-up assignments for classes missed within the equivalent number of days absent;

   Failure to make-up all assignments will result in lower assessment of the student's academic and/or effort grade.

D. Be reported as present for the school day in order to participate in athletic and extracurricular activities.

Course Make-up

Request the make-up assignments for all excused absences/tardiness from their teachers within three (3) school days upon their return to school. It should be noted that all course work, due to the nature of instruction, is not readily subject to make-up work.

The student shall have a reasonable amount of time, up to three (3) school days, to submit make-up work for excused absences. Students will have the opportunity to submit assignments in a period of time equal to the number of days absent.

Teachers are not required to provide make-up work for the unexcused student absences/tardiness. However, the Attendance Review Committee may assign educationally-related activities to mitigate the loss of instructional time.
VII. PARENT’S RESPONSIBILITIES

The parent shall be responsible for their child’s school attendance as required by law and stress the importance of regular and punctual school attendance with their child. Board Policy 5200 - Attendance, states that “absences shall be reported to the school attendance office by the parent or adult student as soon as practicable. The Superintendent shall require, from the parent of each student of compulsory school age or from an adult student who has been absent from school or from class for any reason, a statement of the cause for such absence. The District reserves the right to verify such statements and to investigate the cause of each single absence.

Parents are expected to:

- Report and explain an absence or tardiness to the school. Failure of the parent to provide required documentation within three days upon the student’s return to school will result in an unexcused absence.
- Ensure that the child has requested and completes make-up assignments for all excused absences/tardiness from their teachers upon their return to school or class.
- Appear before the Attendance Review Committee at the scheduled time to provide information relating to their child’s absences and to support prescribed activities.

Course Make-up

Make-up assignments for all excused absences/tardiness should be requested within three (3) days of the student’s return to school or class. It should be noted that all course work, due to the nature of instruction, is not readily subject to make-up work.

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VIII. RESOURCES TO MONITOR STUDENTS ATTENDANCE

Early intervention is one of the most effective ways of producing good attendance for students. The following reports and systems can be of assistance:

A. **Daily Student Attendance Report by Period**
   - This report can be accessed from the New Reports → Administrative of the Electronic Gradebook.
   - Displays attendance infractions for each student by period.

B. **Attendance Tracking**
   - This report can be accessed from the New Reports → Attendance Category.
   - Tracks teachers who have taken or not taken attendance.

C. **Students with 6-14 Absences**
   - This report can be accessed from the Employee Portal – Reports Tab – Attendance

D. **15 or More Absences Cumulative Count**
   - This report can be accessed from the Employee Portal – Reports Tab – Attendance
   - After fifteen (15) unexcused absences within a ninety (90) calendar day period the school principal or designee must give written notice to the student’s parent to request their attendance at a “Truancy Child Study Team” meeting to discuss the attendance problem and identify potential remedies.

The parent and student portals will display a message advising the parent and student of the number of unresolved unexcused absences of the student. In addition, the message will indicate that the academic grades may be in jeopardy.
IX. RECOMMENDED ATTENDANCE STRATEGIES AND INCENTIVES

Attendance improves when a school community offers a warm and welcoming environment that emphasizes building relationships with families and stresses the importance of going to class every day. Schools are encouraged to develop specific intervention strategies and incentives directed to meet the needs of their students and community. The following is a list of recommended interventions and incentives:

- Develop school attendance improvement plan and attendance contract for identified students with excessive absences.
- Provide parents with a copy of attendance policy. As you share Back-to-School information, be sure to remind parents about the importance of regular attendance.
- Develop and provide attendance workshop for students and parents regarding their legal obligation to assume a greater responsibility for assuring daily student attendance (may be done during PTA/PTSA meetings, ESSAC meetings, open house meetings, homeroom announcements, or assemblies of students).
- Develop an incentive program to promote good attendance for all students:
  - Free homework coupons
  - Uniform pass
  - First-in-line privileges for lunch or dismissal
  - Name on the “Attendance Wall” in the classroom
  - Free tickets to events, i.e., athletics and etc
  - Praise students for Perfect Attendance
  - Praise and reward for students and teachers for improved student attendance
  - PTA /PTSA involvement incentives
  - Recognition during morning announcements
  - Traveling trophy for grade-level homeroom with best monthly attendance
- Provide students with academic support via in school and out of school tutoring.
- Recommend and connect students and families to community agencies that can provide services.
- Ensure that the Parent Resource Center is accessible for all parents.
- Utilize services to assist homeless and economically disadvantaged families.
- Encourage students to participate in social and athletic activities.
- Conduct home visits by community involvement specialist and/or social worker.
- Develop plan of escalating consequences for excessive unexcused absences and release of grades withheld.
- Non-participation in extra-curricular and athletic activities (with varying time spans)
- After-school office or school media assistant (with varying time spans).

INTERVENE EARLY – DO NOT WAIT
X. PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Each grading period principals are presented with a letter from the Superintendent of Schools commending them for achieving outstanding student attendance. Parents and students are presented with a letter from the principal for their efforts in attending school everyday during the grading period.

- A student will be identified as having “Perfect Attendance” when present or in attendance 180 days each school year in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

- **Attendance is not counted for students who have attended a private school or any other public school outside M-DCPS; therefore, those years cannot be counted toward “Perfect Attendance.”**

- Attendance is not counted or reported during the time a student is enrolled in the Florida Home Education Program; therefore, those years cannot be counted toward “Perfect Attendance.”

- A student who submits satisfactory documentation regarding absences due to the observance of a religious holiday or because the tenets of that student’s religion forbid secular activity at such time, and who satisfactorily make-up any examinations and assignments which have been missed, should not be disqualified from “Perfect Attendance” recognitions/awards/incentives at the school or district level.

- Military Connected Students may not be disqualified from Perfect Attendance recognitions/awards at the school or district level.

- Students are to be counted in attendance only if they are actually present for at least two hours of the day or engaged in a school-approved educational activity which constitutes a part of the instructional program for the student, as per Board Policy 5200 – Attendance.

Section 1003.02(1)(b), F. S. states, “District school boards are authorized to establish policies that allow accumulated unexcused tardies, regardless of when they occur during the school day, and early departures from school to be recorded as unexcused absences.”

A student who has 20 or more cumulative tardies will not be allowed to participate in interscholastic competitions or performances for the remainder of the school year.

Note – These aforementioned guidelines are district guidelines for commendations of attendance of students. Specific guidelines for commendations at the school may be developed to promote perfect attendance.
XI. ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE

Should you require additional information regarding attendance reporting, please email for assistance:

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XII. RELATED STATUTES, STATE AND BOARD POLICIES

Board Policies

- **5200** Attendance
- **5215** Missing and Absent Children
- **5223** Absences for Religious Instruction
- **5225** Absences for Religious Holidays
- **5230** Late Arrival and Early Dismissal

Chapters, Florida State Statutes

- **1003.21** School attendance
- **1003.23** Attendance records and reports
- **1003.24** Parents responsible for attendance of children; attendance policy
- **1001.53** District school superintendent responsible for enforcement of attendance
- **1003.26** Enforcement of school attendance
- **1003.27** Court procedures and penalties

State Board Policies

- **6A-1** Finance and Administration
- **6A-1.044** Pupil Attendance Records

Note: These statutes are subject to change based on legislative decisions.
# EXHIBIT #1

## ENTRIES INTO FLORIDA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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<td>Any PK-12 student who is enrolling in a public school in this district after having been in home education in any Florida school district.</td>
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<td>E05</td>
<td>Any student entering PK or KG for the first time.</td>
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## RE-ENTERING INTO FLORIDA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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<td>Any PK-12 student who unexpectedly reenters a school in the same district after withdrawing or being discharged.</td>
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## WITHDRAWAL FROM FLORIDA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

*Principals are reminded that they are to make and document efforts to ascertain the whereabouts of any student identified as a no show (DNE).*

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<td>Any student who graduated from school with a standard diploma and satisfied the graduation test requirement through an alternate assessment. Superintendent diploma of distinction.</td>
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<td>Any student who is withdrawn from school subsequent to receiving a W07, W08, W09, or W27 during the student’s year of high school completion.</td>
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<td>WRW</td>
<td>Any student who graduated from school with a standard diploma and an assessment waiver.</td>
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<td>ANY STUDENT WHO RECEIVED A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION.</td>
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<td>W8A</td>
<td>ANY STUDENT WHO MET ALL THE REQUIREMENTS TO RECEIVE A STANDARD DIPLOMA EXCEPT PASSING THE GRADUATION TEST AND RECEIVED A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION AND IS ELIGIBLE TO TAKE THE COLLEGE PLACEMENT TEST AND BE ADMITTED TO REMEDIAL OR CREDIT COURSES AT A STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE AS APPROPRIATE.</td>
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## EXHIBIT #2

### 2018-2019 RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS CALENDAR

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<td>Al-Hijra (Islamic New Year)</td>
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<td>Shemini Atzeret</td>
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Summer school certification must be completed prior to the established rollover date.
EXHIBIT #4

Sample of U.S. Postal Service Certified Mail Receipt and Domestic Return Receipt Card