

BLOOMSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT Policy Manual
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Section: PUPILS
Title: ATTENDANCE
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204. ATTENDANCE

- .1 The Board of School Directors requires that school aged 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 upon 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 participation in a well-planned instructional activity under the tutelage of a competent teacher, are vital to this purpose.
- .2 Attendance shall be required of all students enrolled in the schools during the days and hours that the school is in session, except that a principal or teacher may excuse a student for temporary absences when he/she receives satisfactory evidence of such mental, physical, or other urgent conditions which may reasonably cause the student's absence.
 - .21 The Board considers the following conditions to constitute reasonable cause for absence from school:
 - .211 illness
 - .212 quarantine
 - .213 recovery from accident
 - .214 required court attendance
 - .215 death in family
 - .216 impassable roads
 - .217 family educational trips

- .218 educational tours and trips
- .219 exceptionally urgent reasons
- .22 All absences occasioned by the observance of the student's religious holiday shall be excused, and no student so excused shall be deprived of an award, or eligibility to compete for an award, or the opportunity to make up a test given on the religious holiday.
- .3 Attendance procedures and consequences for truancy shall be published in the student and faculty handbooks of each school.
- .4 The principal of each school is responsible for complying with procedures that are required by statutes governing compulsory school attendance.