

## CHAPTER 5.00 – STUDENTS

### STUDENT ATTENDANCE

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- I. A student who is absent without the principal's approval shall have his/her parent(s), as defined by Florida Statutes, report such absences to the school center in the manner prescribed by the *Code of Student Conduct*.
  - A. The *Code of Student Conduct* shall prescribe attendance requirements including, but not limited to, provisions for excused and unexcused absences, opportunities to make up work assignments, and reporting absences.
  - B. Students shall be excused from any examination, study, or work assignments for observance of a religious holiday or because the tenets of his/her religion forbid secular activity at such time. The school principal shall implement this provision on an individual basis pursuant to Florida Statutes and State Board of Education rule.
  - C. Students diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder may be excused from school to attend medical appointments necessary to receive therapy for autism spectrum disorder, including, but not limited to, applied behavioral analysis, speech therapy and occupational therapy.
  - D. No adverse or prejudicial effects shall result to any student who avails himself/herself to the provisions of this rule.
- II. Student absences must be tracked on a daily basis and parents contacted as required by law.
- III. A person designated by the Superintendent or his/her designee shall investigate truancy problems.

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