90 PERCENT RULE

Except as provided below, a student shall not be given credit for a class unless the student is in attendance 90 percent of the days the class is offered. This restriction does not affect a student's right to excused absences to observe religious holy days. [See FEB]

PRINCIPAL'S PLAN

A student who is in attendance for at least 75 percent but less than 90 percent of the days a class is offered may be given credit if the student completes a plan approved by the school's principal that provides for the student to meet the instructional requirements of the class. However, a student under the jurisdiction of a court in a criminal or juvenile justice proceeding may not receive credit without the consent of the judge presiding over the student's case.

EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

An attendance committee (see below) may give class credit to a student because of extenuating circumstances. The Board shall establish guidelines for determining what constitutes extenuating circumstances.

The Board shall adopt policies that establish alternative ways for students to make up work or regain credit lost because of absences. The alternative ways must include at least one option that does not require a student to pay a fee. The availability of such option must be substantially the same as the availability of the educational program for which the District may charge a fee. [See FP]

ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE

The Board shall appoint one or more attendance committees to hear petitions for class credit by students who have not met the 90 percent rule and have not earned class credit by completing a principal's plan. Classroom teachers shall comprise a majority of the attendance committee.

APPEAL

If the committee denies a student credit, the student may appeal the decision to the Board. The Board's decision may be appealed to the district court of the county in which the District's central administrative office is located.

ADDITIONAL DUTIES

A certified employee may not be assigned additional instructional duties as a result of the above provision outside of the regular workday unless the employee is compensated for the duties at a reasonable rate of pay.

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