

# TURKEYFOOT VALLEY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE ATTENDANCE REGULATIONS

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## 204.2 ATTENDANCE REGULATIONS

*Note: 10 accumulative absences is the current standard. Beginning with the 2020/2021 school year, 8 accumulative days will be the standard.*

After eight (8) accumulative days of absence all students will be required to have a doctor's excuse for any absence thereafter. When a student misses more than eighteen (18) days of school, he/she, at the discretion of the board of directors, may or may not be permitted to graduate or be promoted to the next level. The Board of Directors will review all situations on a case by case basis.

When counting the number of days absent, days absent from the Somerset County Technology Center (SCTC) will be included.

When a student transfers in from another school, the days absent from the former school will be counted.

Family educational trips count in the 18-day rule, and in the 8-day rule. Each child who has an educational trip approved must turn in a 1-2 page report within three 3 days upon returning to school. For an educational trip to be approved, the student must be in good attendance standing having missed no more than 5 excused days of school at the time of the requested trip.

If a student has already missed 8 days of school then gets ill at school and goes home for ½ day, a doctor's excuse is NOT required for that half day.

The administration has the authority to use their judgment in accepting these official excuses in lieu of doctor's/dentist excuses:

- a. Lawyers/court/magisterial hearings.
- b. Job interviews with guidance department and parental approval beforehand.
- c. Driver's tests.
- d. College visitations with guidance department and parental approval beforehand.
- e. WIC/Planned Parenthood.

When a death in the family or other emergency occurs after a student has

already missed 8 days of school, the administration will make a judgment as to the number of days acceptable for absence, such as distance to be traveled to the funeral and closeness of relation.

Attendance related communications will be sent to parents/guardians via Certified Mail. Refusal to pick up Certified Letters from the post office of the attempts to notify the family of the attendance status does not excuse the parents/guardians of their responsibilities pertaining to their child's attendance.

If doctor, dentist, lawyer, court, magistrate or other official excuses accepted by the administration are brought in, those days of absence do not count toward the eight (8) day rule nor do they count toward the eighteen (18) day rule.

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