

CODE C7
(Required)

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Policy

It is the policy of the LNMUUSD to set high expectations for consistent student school attendance in accordance with Vermont law in order to facilitate and enhance student learning. Legal pupils between the ages of 6 and 16 and who are residents of the school district and non-resident pupils who enroll in school district schools are required to attend school for the full number of days that school is held unless they are excused from attendance as provided in state law. Students who are over the age of 16 are required to attend school continually for the full number of the school days for which they are enrolled, unless they are mentally or physically unable to continue, or are excused by the superintendent in writing.

Annually, the superintendent, or designee, shall ensure that the school board appoints one or more individuals to serve as the truant officer, and shall ensure that appointment is recorded with the clerk of the school district.

Rationale/Philosophy of Attendance

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Attendance – School Policy

State law requires school attendance. A student's attendance should not be interrupted, except for extremely important matters or unavoidable circumstances.

Parents/guardians are responsible for notifying the school when their student will be absent.

Types of absences, e.g.: excused, unexcused, tardy, will be reviewed annually by the school administration. Administrators may seek input from faculty, staff, students and parents when setting rules and/or making changes to attendance procedures. All members of the education community, including parents and guardians, shall be apprised of these policies through student and faculty handbooks and other means.

Date Warned: 7/13/17

Date Adopted: 7/24/17

Legal Reference(s):

16 V.S.A. §§1121 et seq. (Attendance required)

16 V.S.A. § 1125 (Truant officers)

VT State Board of Education Manual of Rules & Practices: §2120.8.3.3

Cross Reference:

Admission of Resident Students

Admission of Non-Resident Tuition Students