

Attendance Policy

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Policy

Wallace Stegner Academy (the “School”) is committed to providing a quality education for every student. The School firmly believes that consistent attendance teaches students responsibility. Students learn the value of being punctual and prepared. Frequent absences and tardiness result in a loss of continuity of instruction. Also, frequent absences and tardiness prove disruptive for students, teachers, and staff. Excessive unexcused absences may lead to a student’s permanent dismissal from the School.

Parents are expected to take a proactive role in ensuring their children attend school. We recommend families plan their vacation schedule around the existing School calendar. When possible, medical and dental appointments should take place outside of school hours and parents should notify the School in advance of any absence. Parents and students are responsible for obtaining homework or assignments for the time period which the student is absent.

To encourage regular attendance and consistent participation, and as authorized by law, the School incorporates attendance as a component of the final grade for every course offered in grades 7 through 12. For students enrolled in grades 7 through 12, attendance shall account for up to twenty percent (20%) of each student’s final course grade.

The School intends for this policy to be consistent with the provisions of Utah’s compulsory education laws, Utah Code §§ 53G-6-201 through 53G-6-215, as well as Utah Administrative Code Rule R277-607.

The Chief Executive Officer(s) will establish attendance and attendance-grading procedures consistent with this policy and applicable law and will ensure that the policy and procedures are implemented consistently at the School and are distributed to parents.

Review and Evaluation

The School’s Board of Directors shall review this policy annually.

In connection with its annual review of this policy, the Board shall also review relevant School attendance data, evaluate the effectiveness of the School’s attendance

interventions, and ensure that adequate resources are allocated to support the School's attendance monitoring and intervention programs and efforts.