

5240 TARDINESS

The Board of Education believes that promptness is an important element of school attendance. Pupils who are late to school or to class miss essential portions of the instructional program and create disruptions in the academic process for themselves and other pupils.

Tardiness to school or class that is caused by a pupil's illness **documented by a medical note**, an emergency in the pupil's family, the observance of a religious holiday, a death in the pupil's family, or by the pupil's compliance with a request or directive of an administrator will be considered justified and is ~~excused~~ **exempt from the attendance policy**. All other incidents of tardiness will ~~be considered unexcused~~ **accumulate**.

A pupil who develops a pattern of tardiness, ~~excused or unexcused~~, will be offered counseling with an appropriate staff member to determine the cause of the tardiness.

N.J.S.A. 18A:36-14; 18A:36-15; 18A:36-25 et seq.

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