

To read the entire policy or watch a short video from DoDEA Acting Director, Ms. Marilee Fitzgerald, please visit the following website:

http://www.dodea.edu/back_to_school/2011_12.cfm?cid=attendance

It is DoDEA policy that:

a. Regular school attendance correlates directly with success in academic work, improves social interaction with adults and peers, provides opportunities for important communication between teachers and students, and provides a cumulative effect of establishing life-long positive habits that are critical for developing career readiness skills and success in college.

b. School attendance is mandatory. *DoDEA REGULATION 2095.01*

(1) All students are required to attend school for 180 instructional days per school year (subject to exceptions noted within this policy) to ensure continuity of instruction, successfully meet academic standards and demonstrate continuous educational progress.

(2) Except for exigent circumstances, absences such as family vacations and absences during standardized testing will be unexcused.

(3) Medical appointments and other discretionary appointments should be scheduled during non-school time to maximize student learning.

(4) School attendance is a joint responsibility between the parent or sponsor, the student, the classroom teacher, and the school. The parent or sponsor should make every attempt to ensure their children attend school each day school is in session and also establish regular communication with the classroom teacher.

(5) A student educational monitoring plan shall be implemented during all pre-approved extended absences to mitigate the negative impact on a student's educational program. This plan will provide a comparable experience to the traditional classroom or course in content, rigor, and expectations for completion of assignments.

(6) Students with excessive school absences, as defined in this Regulation, will be monitored by the Student Support Team to assist students in the completion of all required work and successfully master course objectives.

We appreciate your continued support!