

POLICY

GOLDEN DOOR CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Tardiness

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The Board of Trustees believes that promptness is an important element of school attendance. Students 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 students.

Tardiness to school or class that is caused by a student's illness, an emergency in the student's family, the observance of a religious holiday, a death in the student's family, or by the student's compliance with a request or directive of an administrator will be considered justified and is excused. All other incidents of tardiness will be considered unexcused.

All students must be in his/her homeroom before 8:00 a.m.

Instruction at the Golden Door Charter School begins promptly at 8:00 a.m., and it is critical that all students be prepared to begin at that time. A student who is late misses valuable instructional time and conveys an unacceptable lack of regard for the school. Any student who arrives after 8:00 a.m. must report to the school office before proceeding to the classroom. The student will be considered tardy and the incident will be recorded.

After three tardies: A phone call will be made to a parent/guardian alerting them of the problem.

After five tardies: A parent will be required to come to school for a conference.

After ten tardies: The student's name will be given to the truancy department of the Board of Education.

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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5200 ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance by all students in the Public/Charter Schools of New Jersey is a well-established, long standing State Policy (N.J.S.A.18A:-38:25, 26) that has been repeatedly upheld by the courts of the State as well as by the Supreme Court of the United States.

Regular attendance is fundamental to the academic achievement of students. The self-discipline and sense of responsibility students acquire clearly relate to post elementary and high school experiences in the world of work or in additional educational endeavors. The Golden Door Charter School places high value on student attendance and requires high standards for its students.

Attendance is required for all Golden Door Charter School students during the days and hours the school is in session. It is expected that each student be in full attendance in all classes and reports to all classes on time.

In accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.6, a student's absence from school may be excused, unexcused that counts toward truancy, or unexcused that does not count toward truancy.

Students that are absent from school for any reason are responsible for the completion of assignments missed because of their absence. A student who is absent from school for observing a religious holiday shall not be deprived of any award, eligibility, or opportunity to compete for any award, or deprived of the right to take an alternate test or examination that was missed because of the absence provided there is a written excuse of such absence signed by the parent.

Prolonged or repeated absences, excused or unexcused, from school or from class, deprive students of the educational and classroom experiences deemed essential to learning and may result in retention at grade level.

Students shall be subjected to the school's response for unexcused absences that account toward truancy during the school year as outlined in N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.6(a)4 and Regulation 5200.

Unexcused absences from school or from classes within the school day may subject a student to consequences that may include the denial of a student's participation in co-curricular activities and/or athletic competition. Repeated absences from school interfere with efforts of this Board and its staff in the maintenance of good order and the continuity of classroom instruction and such absences may result in the removal of the student from a class or course of study.



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The Chief Academic Officer shall calculate and monitor the average daily attendance rate for the school. Whenever the average daily attendance rate does not meet the New Jersey Department of Education requirements the Chief Academic Officer or designee shall develop a school improvement plan to improve student attendance pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:30-5.2.

N.J.S.A. 18A:36-14; 18A:38-25
N.J.S.A. 34:2-21.1 et seq.
N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.6; 6A:32-8.3

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