

ABSENCES AND ATTENDANCE POLICY

Regular attendance by students is necessary if they are to be successful in their studies. The only excused absences are religious observances and school-sponsored trips. As outlined by the new regulations presented and enforced by the State of New Jersey Department of Education, all other absences are unexcused.

In the case of a student with a chronic medical condition or other extenuating circumstances resulting in excessive absences, a meeting would be scheduled by the guardian with the building principal to discuss those concerns.

Parents will be notified by mail when a student has reached ten unexcused absences. A similar notification will be sent to the parent after the fifteenth unexcused absence and a parent conference will be requested. By the twentieth absence, truancy charges may be filed with the Hazlet Police Department and a child may be retained. In such cases, parents would then have to address the issue before the Board of Education, township court, and possibly the Division of Youth and Family Services.

Further, if the situation warrants, an appeal process is in place to address attendance determinations

The school calendar is issued well in advance. Please try not to schedule vacations when school is in session.