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Attendance Policy

EmerEAU Bladen Charter School's attendance policy is designed to ensure that students attend school regularly, which is crucial for their academic success and overall development.

1. Attendance Requirements:

- Students are expected to attend school daily.
- Attendance is taken during each class period or school day.
- Punctuality is important; students must be on time for school and each class.
- K-8 students at EmerEAU are required to be in attendance at least 94% of the school year to comply with NC Attendance Law.

2. Excused Absences:

- Absences may be excused for reasons such as illness, medical appointments, family emergencies, religious observances, and other situations approved by the school administration.
- Documentation (e.g., doctor's note, parent note) may be required to verify excused absences.

3. Unexcused Absences:

- Absences without a valid reason or proper documentation are considered unexcused.
- Excessive unexcused absences may lead to actions such as parent conferences, impact on academic performance, possible retention, and/or a *prima facie* case.

4. Tardiness:

- Students are expected to arrive on time. Repeated tardiness may result in actions such as parent conferences and impact on academic performance.
- Tardiness is arriving after 7:50 AM.

5. Make-up Work:

- Students are responsible for making up any missed work due to absences in a timely fashion.
- After a single absence, students should complete missed assignments within three school days and return them to their teacher(s).
- Students who are absent, or anticipate being absent for two or more days, should arrange to obtain assignments from their teacher.
- In the event that a student misses multiple consecutive days, they should have 7 days after their last day of absence to return all missed assignments to their teachers.
- The student, parent, and teacher should work together to address concerns in response to individual student absences to support the student and promote their academic success.

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- If the student is absent for an educational opportunity, parents or guardians of the student should issue a written request to an administrator at least one week before the absence for approval and requirements.
6. **Truancy:**
- Truancy, defined as excessive unexcused absences, is taken seriously and may involve interventions such as counseling, parent meetings, and referral to truancy officers or juvenile court.
7. **Notification:**
- Parents are often required to notify the school of a student's absence as soon as possible.
 - Schools may use automated systems to inform parents of their child's absence.
 - Families may receive written notification of excessive absences at (3, 6, and 10 days)
8. **Parental Responsibilities:**
- Parents are encouraged to ensure their children attend school regularly and to communicate with the school regarding any absences or attendance issues.
9. **School Interventions:**
- Schools may implement interventions to support regular attendance, such as attendance improvement plans, mentorship programs, and providing resources for families in need.
10. **Legal Considerations:**
- Attendance policies are aligned with state laws and regulations regarding compulsory education.

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