



POLICY STATEMENT 330

SUBJECT: STUDENT ABSENTEEISM

AUTHORITY: Education Act, Section 13 (1); 14 (1)(d); 15; 16; 19 **EFFECTIVE:** September 1, 2004

RESPONSIBILITY: Director of Education Support Services, Principal, Teacher **REVISED:** October 1, 2013

REFERENCE: Provincial Ad Hoc Committee Report on High School Attendance – November 2000 **PAGE:** 1 of 1

Statement:

The Superintendency recognizes that student absenteeism is an important cause of poor student academic success and student dropouts.

- 330.1 A student is deemed to be chronically absent if he/she has missed thirty days of school per year at the rate of three days or more per month.
- 330.2 Parents should be contacted promptly by the school in the event of any unexplained student absence.
- 330.3 Students who are chronically absent should be identified early in the school year and referred to student services, and/or Social Development for proactive and preventative interventions.
- 330.4 It is important that schools respond quickly to instances of absenteeism. Accurate attendance data should be kept.
- 330.5 Expectations for attendance should be communicated to parents and students at the beginning of each school year and reviewed as necessary.
- 330.6 Schools should review their current attendance practices, identify strengths and needs, and make adjustments where appropriate.