



TITLE: ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

1.0 Rationale:

Early identification of school attendance issues is critical to a student's progress. When irregular attendance is identified by school personnel, intervention at an early stage is most beneficial to both the student and the school. School attendance is an issue that concerns everyone.

2.0 Definitions:

Compulsory School Age:

All people must begin attending school the first September after turning six (6) years old. They must continue to attend until they attain the age of eighteen (18) or upon achievement of an Ontario Secondary School Diploma or equivalent.

Education Act:

This is the provincial law that governs education in Ontario.

Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL):

See Policy 2.1.8.

Barriers to Learning:

Examples of these could include: drug misuse, mental health problems, anger management, pregnancy, social/emotional/behavioural problems, academic related issues, parental issues, conflict with the law, and/or economic restraints.

3.0 Policy:

In accordance with the Education Act, every child has the right to an education and inherent within that right is the responsibility of every child to attend school regularly while of compulsory school age. District School Board Ontario North East recognizes that regular attendance is critical to the process of learning and strives to address all attendance concerns following the Attendance Procedures process. All barriers to learning will be considered in a respectful manner for all cases of non-attendance.