

## **ATTENDANCE POLICY**

The Brunswick School Board recognizes that school attendance is a major factor in a student's ability to meet academic standards. Thus, promotion from one grade to the next shall be based, at least in part, upon a student's attendance record.

It shall be the policy of the Brunswick School Board that all students attend at least 90% of scheduled instructional time in order to qualify for promotion. We do recognize that there may be extenuating circumstances that require some students to miss more than 10% of instructional time. Examples could include, but are not limited to, personal illness or family leaves that cannot occur during regular school breaks. In those situations, the School Board directs the Superintendent and/or designee to establish guidelines for waivers to be granted at the discretion of the school principal. Furthermore, the Superintendent and/or designee shall establish appropriate intervention plans that allow students to make up any missed time in excess of the 10% allowed.

No student with a disability shall be excluded from promotion solely on attendance if it is related specifically to the student's disability. In these circumstances, promotion of students with disabilities shall be subject to IEP team consideration based upon appropriate goals and programming.

Parents of children who have been retained at any grade shall have the opportunity to challenge the decision of the individual school principal by providing evidence to the Superintendent of Schools and, if necessary, to the Brunswick School Board to consider. The decision of the Brunswick School Board shall be considered final.

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