

Student & Parent Accountability: Attendance

Attendance

Schools encourage consistent attendance through a mix of consequences and incentives for both students and parents.

Consequences of Poor Attendance

For Students:

- Loss of privileges (e.g., sports, extracurriculars).
- Academic impact due to missed instruction.
- Detention or required make-up time.
- Truancy referrals or risk of grade retention.

For Parents:

- Mandatory meetings with school officials.
- **Fines or legal action in extreme cases. (Only the Legislature has the authority to impose fines/legal action)**
- Social service referrals for chronic absenteeism.

Incentives for Regular Attendance

For Students:

- Recognition (certificates, awards).
- Rewards (prizes, extra privileges).
- Special events (field trips, celebrations).

For Parents:

- Incentives (fee discounts, gift cards).
- Improved communication and engagement.
- Workplace collaboration to support attendance.
- Access to resources like transportation assistance.

Balancing Attendance Measures

Schools should combine accountability with supportive measures to address barriers while reinforcing attendance through positive reinforcement.

Student & Parent Accountability: Behavior

Behavior

Schools use structured consequences and incentives to promote responsible behavior and involve parents in the process.

Consequences of Poor Behavior

For Students:

- Verbal warnings and loss of privileges.
- Reflection activities (apology letters, improvement plans).
- **Detention, suspension, or expulsion for severe cases.**
- Behavior contracts or restorative practices.

For Parents:

- Required meetings with school staff.
- Referrals to parenting classes or support services.
- **Legal action in extreme cases of neglecting responsibilities.**
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Incentives for Positive Behavior

For Students:

- Recognition programs (awards, certificates).
- Privileges (extra recess, leadership roles).
- Token-based reward systems.
- Special events and peer recognition opportunities.

For Parents:

- Positive updates on their child's behavior.
- Rewards and recognition for engaged families.
- Invitations to school celebrations and events.

Balancing Behavior Measures

A positive school culture should emphasize reinforcement over punishment, providing students and parents with the tools to develop and sustain positive habits.