

# New Attendance Policy for High School Students

Absences fall into two categories: Non-exempt Absences and Exempt Absences

## Non-exempt Absences

- Non-exempted, excused—absences with a parent note within 2 days of absence
- Non-exempted, unexcused—absences without a parent note or parent note not turned in within 2 days of absence
- Non-exempt, suspensions—out of school

\*Only five non-exempt absences per semester are allowed by state law.

\*More than 5 non-exempt absences will result in making up instructional time or loss of Carnegie Unit Credit.

## Exempt Absences

- Extended personal illness as verified by a physician, dentist, or nurse practitioner;
- Contagious disease within a family as verified by a physician or nurse practitioner;
- Extended hospital stay or recuperation from an accident or illness as verified by a physician, dentist, or nurse practitioner;
- Faith based observance with documentation;
- Death in immediate family with documentation;
- Principal approved educational field trips (not school sponsored) with documentation;
- Parent returning or leaving for deployment to a combat zone.

\*Exempt absences are not counted in the five days allowed by state law.

\*Hospital/Homebound services provided, if applicable.