

Section: J- Students**Code: JBHA** *(Suggested)***Title: Student Walkouts and Attendance Compliance****Purpose**

The board of education is committed to maintaining a safe and orderly learning environment while ensuring compliance with Kansas compulsory attendance laws and district attendance policies. The board recognizes students' rights to express viewpoints in lawful and appropriate ways but also clarifies that participation in activities that disrupt the educational program or violate attendance requirements may result in disciplinary and attendance consequences.

Definition

For purposes of this policy, a "student walkout" means an organized effort by students to willfully violate school attendance requirements by leaving class, leaving school grounds, refusing to attend assigned educational activities, or otherwise engaging in conduct that results in an unexcused absence from scheduled instruction.

Attendance Requirements

Students are expected to attend all scheduled classes and school activities unless excused in accordance with board policy and applicable law. Participation in a student walkout shall be considered an unexcused absence unless the student has been released from school through established district policies and procedures and with appropriate parental authorization.

Parental Authorization

Students shall not leave school grounds during the school day without authorization from a parent or guardian and approval through district checkout procedures.

When a parent or guardian requests that a student be released from school during the school day, such authorization shall be documented in accordance with district procedures.

Employee Responsibilities

District employees shall not organize, encourage, facilitate, direct, promote, or enable student walkouts. Employees who violate this policy may be subject to disciplinary action.

Student Discipline

Students who participate in a walkout may be subject to:

- Attendance consequences consistent with district policy;
- Loss of privileges;
- Make-up work requirements;
- Disciplinary action authorized by the student code of conduct; and
- Other consequences deemed appropriate by school administration.

Disciplinary actions shall be applied consistently.

Student Safety

If students leave classrooms, school grounds, or assigned activities without authorization, district personnel shall take reasonable steps to protect student safety, notify appropriate authorities or administrators, and notify parents or guardians.

Nothing in this policy shall be interpreted as requiring employees to physically restrain students except as otherwise permitted by law and district policy.

Administrative Procedures

The superintendent shall develop administrative procedures necessary to implement this policy, including attendance reporting, parental notification, employee guidance, documentation requirements, and procedures for responding to organized student walkouts.

Legal Compliance

This policy shall be administered in accordance with Kansas law, board policies, student discipline policies, and applicable constitutional protections.

Any district employee who encourages or facilitates a student walkout, fails to document student absences or to obtain written parental consent for students who leave the building, or fails to enforce other attendance policies, including parental notification of absences, is subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

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