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**AMEND BOARD REPORT 04-0128-PO3  
AMEND BOARD REPORT 01-1128-PO3**

**COMPREHENSIVE POLICY ON ABSENTEEISM AND TRUANCY**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:**

**DESCRIPTION:**

Amend the Comprehensive Policy on Absenteeism and Truancy, Board Report 01-1128-PO3

04-0128-PO3 as follows:

**POLICY TEXT:**

180 regular attendance days.

## II. ATTENDANCE IMPROVEMENT

### A. SCHOOL-BASED INITIATIVES

Develop an "Attendance Improvement Plan" for each school whose overall attendance rate is below 95% shall develop an "Attendance Improvement Plan" for the next school year. The goals of the Plan shall be to:

- (i) reduce the number of student absences;
- (ii) increase student academic achievement;
- (iii) reduce the number of chronic truants/potential dropouts;
- (iv) increase parental and community involvement in these objectives; and
- (v) increase the use of alternatives to out-of-school suspensions, such as before- or after-school detention.

no-service and student peer injuries. The Plan may identify improved curriculum, expanded, varied educational programs, increased extracurricular activities, appropriate services to address the needs of homeless students, and other systemic changes to achieve the goals of the Plan. Principals are to refer to the Student Attendance Improvement Plan information guidelines available from the Department of Education.

Special Attendance - For information and school visitation of the development of the

**HOMELESS EDUCATION LIAISONS:** Homeless Education Liaisons in each of the OPS clusters and...  
each school shall assist in identifying and serving the needs of homeless students that may adversely affect their attendance...

**5. STUDENT ATTENDANCE MONITORING:** Schools shall be subject to random audits to determine whether they are in compliance with their Attendance Improvement Plans and are accurately reporting student attendance.

**6. INTERVENTION:** Schools should employ the truancy intervention techniques, and procedures set forth in the Uniform Attendance Guidelines to maintain and improve their average daily attendance.

**INTERVENTION**

In order to identify and address the cause(s) of unexcused absenteeism, a principal shall, as necessary, interview the student, meet with his or her parent(s) or guardian(s), meet with other staff...



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and a description of the rights to nonpublic educational services with a listing of students' rights under the law, including the right of dropouts to return to school and to a due process appeal if the right to return to school is challenged by the local school;

4. information regarding adult and alternative educational services available in the community; and

5. information provided to the student as well as the parent or guardian of a student who is a dropout, including information regarding the student's right to return to school.

schools that have a responsibility to provide educational options that may best meet the individual needs. No student covered by this paragraph shall be denied reenrollment unless the student is in violation of the uniform or dress code as provided in the uniform or dress code under 105 LCS 5/10-22.6.

**VII. TARDINESS**

Schools must accept all enrolled students who have not been suspended or expelled who present themselves for school. Schools must accept all students who are late to school during the course of the 2004-2005 school year. Students are not to be sent home or refused admission to school due to tardiness if the student has a valid excuse for tardiness. Schools must ensure their admittance to class for students who are late to school. Schools may impose disciplinary sanctions only for tardiness to school or class. Out of School suspensions for persistent tardiness are prohibited.

**IX. SCHOOL UNIFORM OR DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS**

Schools may impose disciplinary sanctions for uniform or dress code violations. Schools may not impose disciplinary sanctions for uniform or dress code violations if the student is in violation of a uniform or dress code. Out of school suspensions for uniform or dress code violations are prohibited.

**STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

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Approved for Consideration:

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