

Section 5 – Student Policies

5.001 – Attendance

Adherence to attendance requirements continue whether children are engaged in person to person or virtual instruction, which are set forth by DESE (Department of Elementary and Secondary Education) and are in accordance with the OSCA handbook.

Because we live in a sinful world, redeemed by Christ alone, learning will continue in an environment that could include Covid and other communicable diseases.

Regardless of the learning environment, assigned and completed work will result in ongoing improvement, a complete report card / transcript and attendance record. There may be times when children are required to attend experiences off-site or engage in learning opportunities outside the school day for credit (grade). For example, Archery students might be required to attend a tournament, Band students might be required to play for graduation and so on.

For each student to continue to thrive, a strong partnership is needed between parents, caregivers and OSCA staff. OSCA may request proof of appointments for admittance to school, especially in the case of excessive absences.

In the event of a necessary absence during normal operation times, the parent or guardian is asked to contact OSCA at least 30 minutes prior to their child's scheduled session. Parents and caregivers should work to keep absences at a minimum, scheduling them when school is not in session.

During virtual instruction, students will be given a member of staff to check in with before 12noon each school day. This daily communication, via e-mail, will be recorded as their attendance. Refer to OSCA's Operations Plan for more detailed information during a lock- down.

In the rare event we fail to hear from a parent or caregiver, OSCA will attempt to contact the family three times. If there is no response from the family and the student misses 3 or more consecutive days from school (virtual or in person), OSCA retains the right to forfeit their position assuming they no longer wish to attend.

Section 167.031, RSMo, states that any parent, guardian or other person having custody or control of a child between the ages of seven (7) and the compulsory attendance age for the district, must ensure that the child is enrolled in and regularly attends public, private, parochial, home school or a combination of schools for the full term of the school year. A parent, guardian or custodian of a child or children who do not regularly attend school may be reported to the Department of Social Services, Children's Division, or to the county prosecutor's office. A violation of the compulsory attendance law is a class C misdemeanor.

- The term "compulsory attendance age for the district" shall mean seventeen (17) years of age or having successfully completed sixteen (16) credits towards high school graduation in all other cases.
- Children between the ages of five (5) and seven (7) are not required to be enrolled in school. However, if they are enrolled in a public school their parent, guardian or custodian must ensure that they regularly attend.

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