

**5240 TARDINESS**

Purpose of Policy: The Board of Education organizes its Policy Manual in order that users can easily locate the policies and regulations.

The Board of Education believes that promptness is an important element of school attendance. Students who are late to school or to class miss essential portions of the instructional program and create disruptions in the academic process for themselves and other students.

Tardiness to school or class that is caused by a student's illness, an emergency in the student's family, the observance of a religious holiday, a death in the student's family, or by the student's compliance with a request or directive of an administrator will be considered justified and is excused. All other incidents of tardiness will be considered unexcused.

N.J.S.A. 18A:36-14; 18A:36-15; 18A:36-25 et seq.

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