

STUDENT PERSONNEL
Series 500

Policy Title: ABSENCES

Code: 502.4

The law of the state and the Nez Perce Tribe requires attendance at school. Students and others who do not comply with this regulation may be subject to school discipline and/or court action and referral to Child Protective Services.

Grades PreK-5: Absences will be recorded by one-half (1/2) days. If a student is in attendance more than one-half (1/2) of any half day, he/she will not be marked absent for that half day. However, at the discretion of the principal, the periods less than a half day may be accumulated to determine total days of absences.

Grades PreK-8: Students who miss 40% or more of the scheduled instructional minutes of the school year will be automatically retained and required to repeat their current grade. The parent or guardian may appeal this retention with the Lapwai School District Attendance Committee (See Policy 502.3.1).

Grades 9-12: Absences will be recorded by period. When a student misses twelve (12) days in any given period in a semester, the student will be withdrawn and lose credit for each class with 12 or more absences. The parent or guardian may appeal the loss of credit with the Lapwai School District Attendance Committee (See Policy 502.3.1).

If the efforts detailed in policy fail to improve attendance, the principal will refer the student to the superintendent. After reviewing the student's attendance record, the superintendent may arrange a hearing before the Board of Trustees in accordance with Idaho Code 33-205, Denial of School Attendance, for habitual truancy.

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Related References:

Legal References:
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