

I. PURPOSE

Athlos Academy believes in the direct correlation between student achievement and regular school attendance. The purpose of this policy is to outline attendance calculations in case of the need for full-time distance learning. School attendance laws require students to attend school regularly. The virtual nature of school, when necessary, does not alter this requirement. Attendance is a joint responsibility of parents and their children. School authorities have a responsibility to enforce attendance laws.

This policy applies only to students who are attending school full-time via distance learning, exclusive of provisions outlined in Utah Admin R277-419.

II. POLICY**A. Attendance Procedures:**

1. Records are maintained on a student information system. Data recorded includes the specific number of minutes the student spends in an online program.
2. Athlos Academy personnel review attendance weekly to determine that full-time students are on track to complete the state required hours of instruction each year or are making progress to complete their courses. Student services personnel, counselors, and teachers will consistently contact the parent and/or student.

B. Excused Absence/Reduction in Required Weekly Hours:

1. "Excused Absence" means a reduction in required weekly hours that is verified by the student's parent/guardian as defined in Utah State Code R277-607.

B. Unexcused Absence/Reduction in Weekly Hours:

1. Any reduction in weekly hours for a reason other than outlined in Utah State Code R277-607.

C. Truancy:

- a. Any student who does not meet the required weekly hours and/or does not log in and complete work for 10 consecutive days will be considered truant. Students in grades 1-6, or

Attendance Policy

students in grade 7 who are under the age of 12, will receive a Compulsory Attendance Violation as outlined in Policy 5202. Students in grades 7 or above, and are at least age 12, will receive a Notice of Truancy as outlined in Policy 5202.

Legal References:

[Utah Admin R277-419](#)

[Utah Admin R277-607](#)

[Utah Code § 53A-11-101.5](#)

Related Documents:

[Truancy Policy 5202](#)

[Notice of Truancy](#)

Revisions:

3/16/16