

Main Street School and Lincoln Street School

Statement of Attendance Philosophy and School Based Procedures

Supported by the Exeter school board's Attendance Policy (effective 1/16/01))

Students learn best when their learning environment requires interaction with others, allowing them to share ideas and collaborate in solving problems. Students who miss school lessons frequently due to absences, tardiness or dismissals may experience difficulty with achieving success. *Absences disrupt the continuity of the educational process.* Make-up work is not a substitute for the original lesson.

Every child must attend school unless his or her physical or emotional condition requires that the child miss school, or unless the child is attending an alternate activity approved by the principal or other school official designated by the superintendent of schools.

There is no substitute for the original lesson. Teachers cannot educate students who are not present in class.

Reporting Absences/Tardiness

Children arriving after 8:30 am are considered tardy and must report to the Health Office for a late slip before going to their classroom.

If a student will not be attending school, it is critical that parents call the school prior to 8:25 am. ** All absences, tardies and dismissals must be verified by the parent. In all incidences, a note must accompany the child upon his/her entrance or return to school.*

Procedures for Violation of the Policy

All children must be accounted for and when this isn't possible to do, the Exeter police department will assist the school by going to the home to make a truancy call. A note will be left at the home which must be signed and returned when the child returns to school.

If a pattern of unexcused Absences, Tardies, or Dismissals becomes evident, a note from the Health Office will be sent home which will become part of the student's cumulative record at school. If the pattern continues, appropriate action will be taken by school administration. This may include missed recess to make up missed work, detentions, or other as determined by the school administration.