

ATTENDANCE/ACTIVITIES POLICY

The Gore Board of Education believes that attendance in regularly scheduled classes is a key factor in student achievement. Thus, any absence from those classes represents an educational loss to the student. The board recognizes, however, that the cocurricular program of the school also has educational benefit. Therefore, it shall be the policy of this board to minimize absenteeism from regular classes while providing students the opportunity to participate in cocurricular activities.

The superintendent is directed to develop, for board approval, regulations which support this policy.

REGULATION TEN-DAY ABSENCE RULING

1. The superintendent and the local board shall annually review the scheduling of activities so that minimal interruptions occur in the instructional program of a student.
2. The maximum number of absences for activities, which removes the student from the classroom, shall be ten (10) for anyone-class period in the school year. State and national levels of school-sponsored contests are excluded.
3. The board shall approve an Internal Activities Review Committee at the beginning of each school year.
4. The superintendent shall be responsible for maintaining an addendum to the attendance records that apply to this regulation.
5. If a parent or a student feels that a miscalculation of absences has occurred, a complaint may be registered. To register a complaint, a signed, written complaint shall be filed with the board for final determination.

TEN-DAY RULE

School activity is defined as any extra curricular activity approved by the administration, OSDE or OSSAA and at the convenience of the school. Activities that are not school sponsored will only be approved for days that the student does not have testing or a related activity. A student is allowed to miss a class period ten (10%) during the school year due to school activities without penalty or pardon. This is based on days actually in session attend to date. Exceptions to this rule are that the student may request from the principal additional activity absences to be approved by the committee. The ruling by the principal may be appealed to the Internal Activities Review Committee. Any student who violates this policy will be considered absent and truant and subject to the disciplinary policies governing truancy. Students needing to miss in excess of the ten days shall make a prior written request to the building principal.

The request must include:

- Date of request
- Name and date of activity
- Location of activity
- Sponsor of activity