

For Board Approval, October 13, 2011

Change in District 228 Attendance Policy

Due to the recent change in the Illinois School Code reducing the number of permissible non-excused absences from 18 days to 9 days we are seeking board approval to amend District 228's current attendance policy.

Our current attendance policy states that after 10 unexcused absences a referral to the truant officer will be issued. We would like to change the 10 unexcused absences to 5 unexcused absences in order to assure compliance with the change in the Illinois School Code. The Regional Office of Education will only send the Truancy Officer to check-ups on attendance after we have sent a letter of warning regarding attendance. The 5 days letter gives time for the Truancy Officer to start the documentation process and keep us in compliance with the new 9-day rule.