

**School District #62 (Sooke)**

<b>STUDENT ATTENDANCE</b>	No.: C-311
	Effective: May 12/81 Revised: Apr. 10/90; Apr. 22/25 Reviewed: Feb. 4/25; Feb. 25/25; Apr. 22/25

**SCHOOL BOARD POLICY**

The BC *School Act* and its attendant Regulation are explicit about each school-age student’s compulsory attendance, except when excused under those exemptions permitted by law. Parents/Guardians are responsible for ensuring that school attendance requirements are fulfilled as prescribed.

The Board's primary goal is to provide an appropriate educational program for all students. In order that this goal can be realized, it is necessary that all students attend school regularly. While illness and similarly emergent circumstances necessitate some absence, students are expected to attend school during scheduled school hours.

Because students' knowledge, skills and attitudes are enhanced through regular school attendance, schools are expected to work closely with parents/guardians, student, and staff to develop clear and fair procedures to encourage and support regular attendance, to communicate them effectively and to enforce them consistently and fairly.

References:

Statutory:

- BC *School Act*, sec. 3(1) and 6(20)
- BC K – 12 Student Reporting Policy

Policy:

- C-309 “District and School Codes of Conduct”
- B-335 “Communicating Student Learning and Reporting”