

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

June 14, 2011

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Trustee L. Cleary, Chair, Policy Review Committee
Trustee M. Janz, Policy Review Committee
Trustee C. Ripley, Policy Review Committee

SUBJECT: Review of Board Policy IED.BP - Student Attendance

ORIGINATOR: B. J. Smith, Executive Director, Finance & Infrastructure

RESOURCE
STAFF: Bruce Cline

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Board Policy IED.BP – Student Attendance (Appendix I) be considered for the first time.
2. That Board Policy IED.BP – Student Attendance be considered for the second time.

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Board Policy IED.BP Student Attendance was last reviewed in September 2001. The Administration has reviewed the policy and recommends that the existing content and wording remain as is.

A policy review web-survey was conducted in accordance with board policy review procedures and was open for input from April 4 to May 9, 2011. Key stakeholder organizations and partners were notified of the policy review process and survey.

As a result we received a total of 29 responses with 7 being from Parents, 1 from Community Members, 6 Principal/Decision Unit Administrators, and 15 Staff Members. The majority of the respondents (82.1 per cent) do not believe that the policy requires clarification. The majority of comments were related to implementation of the policy which comes under regulations not policy. As this policy is tied to School Act sections pertaining to attendance changes to this policy would be tied to any changes to relevant sections of the School Act

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APPENDIX I: Recommended Board Policy IED.BP Student Attendance

Edmonton Public Schools Board Policies and Regulations

CODE: IED.BP
TOPIC: Student Attendance

EFFECTIVE DATE: 10-09-1996
ISSUE DATE: 27-09-1996
REVIEW DATE: 09-2001

The board believes that regular attendance is a significant contributing factor to student learning and encourages parents and students to recognize their responsibility for regular student attendance.

Principals shall act as attendance officers for individuals registered at their school to deal with matters relating to non-attendance as stipulated in Sections 13, 14, and 15 of the *School Act*.

Reference(s):
[School Act](#) Sections 13, 14 and 15
[IED.AR](#) - Student Attendance
