

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

September 27, 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

That Board Policy IED.BP – Student Attendance (Appendix I) be considered for the third time and approved.

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This policy was considered for the first and second time by the Board of Trustees on September 13, 2011. There were no changes made to the existing content and wording.

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 seven being from parents, one from community members, six 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

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CODE: IED.BP  
TOPIC: Student Attendance

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

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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*.

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

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