

POLICY FOR TEN DAY (CLASS PERIOD) RULE

A. The maximum number of absences for activities, which remove a student from the classroom, shall not exceed ten for any one class period.

1. Excluded from this number are state and national levels of school sponsored contests.

a. State and national level contests are those for which a student must earn the right to participate.

b. Sponsors should develop eligibility criteria that are consistent with the goals of the activity program and local community expectations. Criteria for earning the right to represent the school in any state or national level contest shall be submitted in writing by local school sponsors and approved by the local board.

c. Exceptions will be considered only if extreme circumstances exist that create undue hardships upon the participating schools and after the approval of the appropriate agency.

d. Each local board of education shall, prior to the beginning of each school year, decide what contests are to be considered state and national levels of participation (taking into consideration Career Technology and Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activity Association [OSSAA] approved/sanctioned activities). These contests shall be included in the approved board minutes.

2. Determination if contest is exempt from rule.

a. Questions to consider:

(1) Is the contest a state or national level contest?

(2) Is the student participating in the contest?

(3) Did the student earn the right to participate in the contest?

b. If the answer to all of the above three questions is yes, then the contest is exempted from the ten day (class period) rule.

c. If the answer to any of the above three questions is no, then the contest is not exempted from the ten day (class period) rule.

B. Each local board of education shall appoint and approve, at the beginning of the school year, an Internal Activities Review Committee.

1. The Internal Activities Review Committee should be at least a five (5) person committee which includes at a minimum the following positions:

- a. Principal/Administrator
- b. Regular classroom teacher (Core-Subject)
- c. Athletic Director
- d. Coach/Sponsor
- e. Parent

2. Other members needed should be determined by the local board of education (suggested examples below).

- a. Non-Core teacher
- b. School Counselor
- c. Community/Member patron

3. The Internal Activities Review Committee is responsible for reviewing and recommending any deviation of the activities attendance policy to the local board of education.

a. The local board of education shall have final authority in deciding if a student's deviation from the ten day (class period) rule shall be approved.

b. Any deviation from the ten day (class period) absence rule shall not exceed five days (class periods).

c. Any absence exceeding the ten day (class period) rule, and not approved as a deviation (not to exceed five days/class periods) by the Internal Activities Review Committee and/or the local board of education, will result in the student being counted as not in attendance for that day.

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