

**TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF**

**ATTENDANCE:  
ATTENDANCE FOR CREDIT**

**FEC**

**ALL CONSIDERED  
ABSENCES**

In order to receive credit or a final grade for a class, a student is required to attend class 90 percent of the days class is offered regardless of whether the student's absences are excused [see FEA] or unexcused. *Atty. Gen. Op. JC-0398 (2001)*

**90 PERCENT RULE**

Except as provided below, a student in any grade level from kindergarten through grade 12 shall not be given credit for a class unless the student is in attendance 90 percent of the days the class is offered. This restriction does not affect a student's right to excused absences to observe religious holy days [see FEA] and does not apply to a student who receives credit by examination for a class as provided by Education Code 28.023 [EHDC]

**PRINCIPAL'S PLAN**

A student who is in attendance for at least 75 percent but less than 90 percent of the days a class is offered may be given credit or a final grade if the student completes a plan approved by the school's principal that provides for the student to meet the instructional requirements of the class. However, a student under the jurisdiction of a court in a criminal or juvenile justice proceeding may not receive credit or a final grade without the consent of the judge presiding over the student's case.

**EXTENUATING  
CIRCUMSTANCES**

An attendance committee may give class credit or a final grade to a student because of extenuating circumstances. The Board shall establish guidelines for determining what constitutes extenuating circumstances.

A board shall adopt policies that establish alternative ways for students to make up work or regain credit or a final grade lost because of absences. The alternative ways must include at least one option that does not require a student to pay a fee. The availability of such option must be substantially the same as the availability of the educational program for which a district may charge a fee.

**ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE**

The Board shall establish an attendance committee or as many committees as necessary for efficient implementation of Education Code 25.092.

The Superintendent or designee shall make the specific appointments in accordance with legal requirements.

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APPEAL

If the committee denies a student credit or a final grade, the student may appeal the decision to the board. The Governing Board's decision may be appealed to the district court of the county in which the School's central administrative office is located.

ADDITIONAL DUTIES

A certified employee may not be assigned additional instructional duties as a result of the above provision outside of the regular workday unless the employee is compensated for the duties at a reasonable rate of pay.

Education Code 25.092

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