

EAST STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: CREDIT DENIAL

ADOPTED: August 19, 2002

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204.3. CREDIT DENIAL	
1. Purpose	<p>The Board has enacted this to support its belief in the importance of regular daily attendance as both a life skill and a necessity for optimum academic growth. The Board further believes that the students of the district will benefit from abiding by the guidelines set forth herein through increased daily attendance and the development of good attendance habits, which will carry over into the work place; increased student success in academic classes; and decreased numbers of students who fail academic subjects during the school year.</p>
2. Authority	<p>The Board further realizes the importance of regular school attendance and class participation on the part of its students in order to successfully complete course requirements needed to obtain a high school diploma from the district and to maximize student learning, hence, the development of the following policy on student attendance and the awarding of course credit toward graduation.</p>
3. Guidelines	<p>At the time a high school student accumulates, per semester, five (5) days absences in a particular course or class, that student will meet with the school principal or designee to discuss the student's attendance record and enter into a contract, if deemed necessary by the presiding administrator, which will outline those steps that will enable the student to remain eligible to receive credit for the course(s) in question. The parent(s)/guardian(s) will be notified by certified mail and offered an informal hearing with the school principal or designee. The purpose of the informal hearing shall be to review the student's attendance record, the academic and disciplinary status of the student, the consequences of additional absences, and the aforementioned contract, if developed.</p> <p>Any high school student who accumulates, per semester, more than nine (9) days of absence or nine (9) absences in any course or class may be denied credit for the course(s) in which the absences were accumulated. The student will meet with the school principal or designee to discuss the student's attendance record and enter into a contract, if deemed necessary by the presiding administrator and one has not yet been entered into, which will outline those steps that will enable the student to remain eligible to receive credit for the course(s) in question. Should credit be</p>

denied, the parent(s)/guardian(s) will be notified by certified mail. The parent(s)/guardian(s) may request an informal hearing with the school principal or designee to discuss the denial of credit. The decision to deny credit may be appealed to the school principal, who has final authority.

The school principal may monitor and review student attendance records to determine whether credit denial proceedings should be implemented and/or continued regarding a particular student. Should credit be denied, the parent(s)/guardian(s) will be notified by certified mail. The parent(s)/guardian(s) may request an informal hearing with the school principal or designee to discuss the denial of credit. The decision to deny credit may be appealed to the school principal, who has final authority.

Students who have been denied credit must continue to attend school according to the provisions of the Pennsylvania School Code, State Board of Regulations, and established Board policy.

To receive course credit after it has been denied due to violation of this policy, a student must successfully complete the course during the next school year or complete the course in an accredited summer school program, which must be taken during the summer months immediately following the last day of the school year in which credit was denied.

The Superintendent shall be provided at the end of each academic year, by the school principal, with a summary of the school attendance of each high school.

This summary shall include:

1. The number of students in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) who accumulated at least five (5) or nine (9) absences.
2. The number of students denied credit, a summary of the number of courses for which each student was denied credit, and the number of students thus indicated who are no longer attending school, regardless of reason.
3. Any other information regarding attendance the Superintendent wishes to receive and/or the school principal wishes to include.