

High School Attendance Recovery

1. Allow students to make up absences based upon recommendation of the principal and/or a school committee established for this purpose. Students who have chance to pass academically, but who are in danger of failing due to absences will be the target population for attendance recovery.
2. Schools will have the flexibility to conduct recovery opportunities as needed.
3. In order to participate in this program, students must meet the following criteria:
 - Must have accumulated 8 absences or more in a class in a given semester
 - Must make satisfactory academic progress on all make up work
4. Parameters of the program are as follows:
 - Students may make up a maximum of 8 class periods with a maximum of 3 make-ups in anyone class.
 - Every effort will be made to ensure that students are engaged in meaningful academic work that goes far beyond mere seat time.
 - Recovered absences do not change attendance records. (Students missing more than 13.5 days in any semester will lose athletic eligibility for the upcoming semester.)
 - Once determined to be eligible to participate in the recovery program, the student may make a proposal to the teacher of the class for which absences will be recovered: Ultimately, the teacher will decide what the student must do to recover the absences. All school and school system rules and policies apply while students participate in the recovery program.
5. Computer-based instruction can be used as a means of recovering absences, provided this is closely monitored by a staff member.
6. Make-up sessions of 90 minutes are required to recover a class period.
7. Recovery (make-up) opportunities will be communicated to students as soon as the principal/school committee determines their eligibility for participation in the program.
8. Each school can determine the "window" of time to offer recovery, (generally 2-3 weeks).