

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Cherry Hill, New Jersey**

**POLICY 5113.1**

**CLASS CUTTING [**

The Cherry Hill Board of Education recognizes that regular class attendance exposes students to a greater amount of academic content and instruction. The Cherry Hill Board of Education also recognizes that students who miss class without authorization lose an opportunity to learn and succeed.

Students who are absent from class without authorization while being in attendance on the day of that absence shall be referred to the principal's office for cutting class. A total of three (3) or more cuts in a course may result in exclusion from the class with no credit earned for that subject.

The student's permanent record shall indicate WF (Withdrawn Failing) or WP (Withdrawn Passing), depending on the student's academic status in the course at the time this action was taken.

Accumulation during an academic year of a total of ten (10) cuts shall result in cause for further disciplinary action. Disciplinary action shall be applied consistently and uniformly with necessary due process in accordance with the regulations of the New Jersey Administrative Code. Classified students are subject to the same disciplinary procedures as non-disabled students and may be disciplined in accordance with their IEP.

*Legal References:*

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| <i>N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1</i>            | <i>General mandatory powers and duties</i>   |
| <i>N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.9</i>          | <i>Requires Boards to adopt policies and procedures for promotion/retention. Attendance is a logical standard in considering possible need for remediation/retention.</i>  |
| <i>N.J.S.A. 18A:36-14, -15, -16</i> | <i>govern student absences for religious observance; prohibit counting absence as unexcused if a proper written excuse is presented; prohibit depriving student of award or eligibility/opportunity to complete for an award, or of the right to take an alternate to a test or examination missed through such absence.</i> |
| <i>N.J.S.A. 18A:36-19a</i>          | <i>Newly enrolled students; records and identification</i>   |
| <i>N.J.S.A. 18A:36-25</i>           | <i>requires written policy on potentially missing children</i>   |
| <i>N.J.S.A. 18A:38-25</i>           | <i>Attendance required of children between six and 16;</i>   |
| <i>N.J.S.A. 18A:38-26</i>           | <i>Days when attendance required; exceptions</i>   |
| <i>N.J.S.A. 18A:38-27</i>           | <i>Truancy and juvenile delinquency defined</i>  |
| <i>N.J.S.A. 18A:38-31</i>           | <i>Violations of article by parents or guardians; penalties</i>  |
| <i>N.J.S.A. 18A:38-32</i>           | <i>District and county vocational school attendance officers</i>   |
| <i>N.J.S.A. 18A:40-7</i>            | <i>Exclusion of pupils who are ill</i>   |
| <i>N.J.S.A. 18A:40-8</i>            | <i>Exclusion of pupils whose presence is detrimental to health and cleanliness</i>   |

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*N.J.S.A. 18A:40-10 Exclusion of teachers and pupils exposed to disease*  
*N.J.S.A. 18A:40-11 Exclusion of pupils having communicable tuberculosis*  
*N.J.S.A. 52: 17B-9.8a through –9.8c Marking of missing child’s school record*  
*N.J.A.C. 6:8-3.1 Student attendance*  
*N.J.A.C. 6:20-1.1 et seq. Attendance and pupil accounting*  
*N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.1 says that Boards must include student attendance requirements as one of the requirements for receiving a state-endorsed high school diploma. While legal requirements apparently apply only to secondary schools, Boards may appropriately set standards for elementary grades.*  
*N.J.A.C. 6A: 30-1.1 et seq. Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts*

*New Jersey State Board of Education Resolution, May 2, 1984, requires local boards to adopt policy on academic eligibility for extracurricular activities. Must address grade point average, attendance requirements and course failure rate.*

*Wetherell v. Board of Education of Township of Burlington, 1978 S.L.D. 794*

*Wheatley v. Board of Education of City of Burlington, 1974 S.L.D. 851*

*C.R., on behalf of J.R., v. Board of Education of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Regional School District, 1988 S.L.D. (June 22)*

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