

Attendance Policy K-12: Temporary Amendment Due to Flu Pandemic	DESCRIPTOR CODE 4.2011	ISSUED DATE 8/1/2005
	LATEST DATE REVISED 10/5/2009	CROSS REFERENCE

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

None

STATE BOARD POLICY

None

LOCAL BOARD POLICY

In recognition of the current H1N1 Type A Influenza pandemic occurring throughout North Carolina and the nation, and to comply with federal guidelines, State Department of Health and Burke County Health Department directives for the control of this disease, the Board of Education of Burke County Public Schools hereby amends its Attendance Policy 10.2011 through the remainder of the 2009/2010 school year as follows:

EXEMPTION FROM EXAMS – amend first paragraph to read:

A student may be exempt from an exam in any course where an End-Of-Course Test, either state mandated or local option, is not required if the student has an "A" or "B" or "C" average in the course.

ATTENDANCE REFERRAL GUIDELINES – add the following as new paragraph "13":

13. SPECIAL GUIDANCE FOR THE PERIOD OF THE 2009/2010 FLU PANDEMIC. In accordance with health department directives,

- a. A student MUST be sent home if confirmed by the school nurse or designated school administrator with flu-like symptoms including a temperature over 100 degrees F (37.8 C).
- b. Any student sent home for this reason MUST remain home not less than 24 hours AFTER fever has subsided to below 100 F without the use or influence of fever reducing medications.
- c. Parents or guardians of students who develop flu-like symptoms including fever over 100 F during non-school hours (overnight, weekends) MUST keep the student at home. The student will not be allowed to enter school in this condition.
- d. When the student is able to return to school, parents or guardians should send a note to the school stating this condition in order for the absence to be excused. The note may be handwritten and may be from either the parent or guardian or the child's physician if he/she was seen in a physician's office. A physician's note is not required unless the parent or guardian is specifically

notified by the school administration that medical documentation is necessary.

The Board of Education directs the Superintendent to pro-actively inform all parents and guardians of these amendment conditions within 10 days and to diligently engage with the Burke County Health Department, School Health Advisory Council and local health providers in the public's awareness of recommended methods to prevent the spread of this illness. All other paragraphs of the Attendance Policy shall remain in effect at this time.

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