

## 2. ATTENDANCE POLICY:

We have incorporated a simple policy to address the issues of truancy and absence from school.

It is as follows:

### **If a student has:**

- **6 absences (or 6 tardies)** --- a letter will be sent to the sponsor from the school/principal with a letter attached from the Fort Bragg Garrison Commander and the Pope AFB Commander which indicates their support of the educational process in the Fort Bragg Schools.
- **12 absences (or 12 tardies)** --- a letter will be sent to the sponsor from the principal – stressing the importance of students being in school. The principal reserves the right to forward a copy of this letter to the superintendent and/or the sponsor's chain of command.
- **18 absences (or 18 tardies)** --- a letter will be sent to the sponsor from the principal, through the superintendent, again emphasizing the importance of the student being in school and indicating the sponsor's command has also been notified.

The notification to the command may include any extenuating circumstances known to the school, i.e. extended illness, etc. The superintendent reserves the right to forward this letter or not. Instances in which there are unusual circumstances, i.e. accident, hospital stay, extended illness, etc. will be addressed on a case by case basis. Utilization of Fort Bragg Schools' resources, such as the schools' social worker may be considered.

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Eighteen absences from school, in a year, will seriously impact the success of any child. The academic record of a student, having 18 or more absences during the year, will be reviewed to determine if that student is prepared for the next grade level. Student promotion can be affected by excessive absences.

In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between Fort Bragg Schools and the office of the Fort Bragg Garrison Commander, students will be allowed 5 excused absences upon the return of a military sponsor from a deployment. Other requests for extended absences due to vacations, family emergencies, etc. will be reviewed on a case by case basis. One prime factor in the decision will be the overall attendance record of the student.

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