MIDDLE BUCKS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: ATTENDANCE

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1. Purpose SC 1301, 1326, 1327 Title 22 Sec. 11.12, 11.41, 12.1 The Middle Bucks Institute of Technology (MBIT) requires that school age students enrolled in the school attend school regularly in accordance with the laws of the state of Pennsylvania. The education program offered by MBIT is predicated upon the presence of the pupil and requires continuity of instruction and classroom participation.

2. Definition

Regular attendance shall be defined as attending MBIT for the periods scheduled during which school is in session. Attendance at MBIT is expected even if the home district is not in session. Students are to attend all sessions unless properly excused by school authorities.

3. Authority SC 1327, 1329, 1330 Title 22 Sec. 11.23, 11.25, 12.1 Attendance shall be required of all students enrolled in the career-technical school during the days and hours that the school is in session, except that the Director or designee may excuse a student for temporary absences when s/he receives satisfactory evidence of such mental, physical, or other urgent conditions which may reasonably cause the student's absence.

SC 1327 Title 22 Sec. 11.8, 11.22, 11.23, 11.28 Pol. 115, 117 Attendance need not always be within the school facilities, but a student will be considered to be in attendance if present at any place where school is in session by authority of the Executive Council, or at the place where the student is receiving approved tutorial instruction or health care, the place where the student is engaged in an approved and properly supervised work-study or career education program, or at home when the student is receiving approved homebound instruction.

SC 1318, 1850.1 Pol. 218, 233 Repeated infractions of Executive Council policy requiring the attendance of enrolled students may constitute such misconduct and disobedience as to warrant the suspension or removal of the student from the Middle Bucks Institute of Technology school program.

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SC 1318	The Executive Council authorizes the Director or designee to suspend a student from a particular class or from school in accordance with its policies if sincere efforts by the staff and parents/guardians cannot rectify the pattern of absence. The Director or designee is authorized to publish the criteria in the Student Handbook to implement this policy.
4. Delegation of Responsibility	The Director or a designee shall be responsible for administering this policy and of shall:
Title 22 Sec. 11.1, 11.2, 11.3	Ensure a school session which is in conformity with requirements of the rules of the State Board.
SC 1322, 1339	2. Govern the keeping of attendance records in accordance with rules of the State Board.
SC 1333, 1338, 1354 Pol. 218, 233	3. Impose on truant students such progressive disciplinary measures as may be appropriate for infractions of school regulations, but no such penalty may have an irredeemably negative effect on the student's record beyond that which naturally follows absence from school activities.
SC 1333, 1354	4. Issue written notice to any parent/guardian who fails to comply with the compulsory attendance stature within three (3) days of any proceeding brought under that statute. Such notice shall inform the parent/guardian of the date(s) on which the absence occurred, that the absence was in violation of law, that the parent must be so notified and informed of his/her liability under law for the absence of the student, and that further violation during the school term will be prosecuted without notice.
	5. Communicate attendance violations to the appropriate home district for action in accordance with existing district policy.
	References:
	School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1301, 1302, 1318, 1326, 1327, 1329, 1330, 1332, 1333, 1338, 1339, 1354, 1546, 1850.1
	State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 11.1, 11.2, 11.3, 11.5, 11.8, 11.12, 11.21, 11.22, 11.23, 11.24, 11.25, 11.26, 11.28, 11.32, 11.34, 11.41, 12.1
	Executive Council Policy – 115, 117, 218, 233