

Attendance Policy for Northland Preparatory Academy 2015-2016

A.R.S. 15-803. School attendance; exemptions; definitions

A. It is unlawful for any child who is between six and sixteen years of age to fail to attend school during the hours school is in session, unless either:

1. The child is excused pursuant to section 15-802, subsection D or section 15-901, subsection A, paragraph 5, subdivision (c).
2. The child is accompanied by a parent or a person authorized by a parent.
3. The child is provided with instruction in a homeschool.

B. A child who is habitually truant or who has excessive absences may be adjudicated an incorrigible child as defined in section 8-201. Absences may be considered excessive when the number of absent days exceeds ten per cent of the number of required attendance days prescribed in section 15-802, subsection B, paragraph 1.

C. For the purposes of this section:

1. "Habitually truant" means a truant child who is truant for at least five school days within a school year.
2. "Truant" means an unexcused absence for at least one class period during the day.
3. "Truant child" means a child who is between six and sixteen years of age and who is not in attendance at a public or private school during the hours that school is in session, unless excused as provided by this section.

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At Northland Preparatory Academy we believe in the value of a solid education in preparing students for future success. For this to occur students must be present and engaged in the learning process. Students should be absent only when absolutely necessary, as many classroom activities cannot be made up. If a student has an absence, the following conditions will apply:

All missing work must be submitted in a timely fashion. Students are given one additional day for make-up work for every school day they are absent.

Students who are absent may not participate in any school sponsored event either as a participant or spectator.

Consequences of excessive absence:

- After the fifth (5th) absence during the term of either semester, a letter will be sent out by the registrar to the parents or guardians,

notifying them of potential consequences of continued absence which may include lower course grades.

- With the seventh (7th) absence during the term of either semester, a conference with parent or guardian with the Dean of Students is required to explain the importance of attendance and the consequences of continued absence which may include lower course grades and or loss of credit.
- A student absent from school for more than 10% of the school days per semester (9 days per semester, 18 days per year) may not receive credit for the course(s).

Note: Absences for extracurricular sports and other school approved activities do not count toward the 10% of absences mentioned above.