



# PIKES PEAK

SCHOOL OF EXPEDITIONARY LEARNING

## Pikes Peak School of Expeditionary Learning Attendance Policy

### Attendance

In accordance with State law, it is the obligation of every parent or guardian to ensure that every child under his/her care and supervision who has attained the age of seven years, and is a registered student in Falcon D49, receives adequate education and attends school. Zero unexcused absences include Friday half days. If your child is not going to be in school, please call the office at 719-522-2580 or email [attendanceoffice@ppsel.org](mailto:attendanceoffice@ppsel.org) and report it.

JH/JHB (7104) STUDENT ATTENDANCE establishes the expectation that all children between the ages of seven and 16 be registered and attending school. It defines excused absences as those approved by the Principal, those due to illnesses, both temporary and extended, and those that occur when the student is in the custody of the court of law enforcement agencies. Schools will monitor absences and will contact parents when student's unexcused absences become a concern. Excessive absences may result in referral to the court system and may become the grounds for suspension and/or expulsion. A "habitual truant" shall be defined as a student who has four unexcused absences from school in any one month or 10 unexcused absences from school during any school year. Prior to such designation, a meeting between the student's parent(s) and appropriate school personnel shall be conducted to address the situation. Being identified as "habitual truant" may be grounds for suspension and/or expulsion. Schools shall notify parents each year in writing of their obligation to ensure that all children of compulsory attendance age attend school. Parents shall acknowledge the receipt of this notification in writing and furnish telephone numbers or other means of contacting them during the day. Parents are also expected to contact the principal in writing if there is a possibility of a long-term absence (3 days or more) a minimum of 36 school hours prior to the term of absence.

### Tardiness

Truancy procedures as stated above will be followed for tardiness.

Punctuality is another shared value of the PPSSEL community. Please help your child in his or her class to maintain an excellent record in regard to this. The Pikes Peak School of Expeditionary Learning community will not accept habitual tardiness. Appropriate actions will be taken in response to this issue.

### Inclement Weather

**SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS:** If the decision is made to cancel or delay school, local news channels and radio stations will be informed by 6:00 am. The school answering machine will also have this information. Since we are located in D49 and many of our families come from other districts, parents are asked to judge road conditions specific to their school route. Please inform the office, 719-522-2580, if your child(ren) will not attend due to road/weather conditions. Friday delays will result in no school for that day.

**EARLY RELEASE:** When a storm develops during the day, a decision may be made to send students home early. Colorado Springs radio stations will broadcast early dismissal information. Please make prior arrangements if you are unable to pick up your child. Inform the school of these arrangements as soon as possible. Students will be released at any time to parents who believe weather conditions warrant the child(ren) be taken home.