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502 STUDENTS 18 AND OLDER ATTENDANCE

I. PURPOSE

- A. The school board and the staff of Kato Public Charter School believe that in nearly every situation, the school rules that apply to students under 18 years of age also apply to students 18 years of age and older.
- B. This policy is designed to clarify the responsibilities and expectations that the school board and staff have for students 18 years of age and older

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. Responsibilities.
 - 1. Attendance: It is the student's responsibility to be in school. It is also the student's responsibility to attend all assigned classes and exploratory sessions each and every day that school is in session and to be aware of and follow the correct procedures when absent from an assigned class or exploratory session. Finally, it is the student's responsibility to make up any missed assignments due to an absence. Students are expected to be in school and on time at the beginning of the day, after break and after lunch each day.
 - 2. In cases where the student is living at home, it is the responsibility of the student and the student's parent or guardian to ensure that the student is attending school, to inform the school in the event of a student absence, and to work cooperatively with the school and the student to solve any attendance problems that may arise.
 - 3. In cases where the student is not living at home, a note written by the student will be allowed for the first three absences. The fourth and subsequent absences will require third party documentation.
 - 4. In cases where a student is abusing the attendance policy, a meeting will be set up with members of the Issue Team in order to attempt to resolve the issue. For the purposes of this policy "abusing" means that the student has accumulated 4 or more unexcused absences.
 - 5. In cases where the Issue Team meeting has not proven successful in changing the attendance patterns of the student, a meeting with the Director may be requested. The Director in consultation with the advisor, additional school personnel and the student's parents when applicable will work on a plan for the student. If the plan is unsuccessful consequences will be implemented by the director and/or advisor.

(Legal and Cross References are constantly changing: these items shall remain under review)

Legal Reference:

Cross References:

Kato Public Charter School Policy 503 (Student Attendance)