

## **8.10 Attendance**

ASW's curriculum and learning activities emphasize interactive, hands-on experiences and discussions which are integral to a student's overall academic progress. These day to day experiences cannot easily be replicated following student absence. To maximize the learning opportunities at ASW, students must be present and prompt and fully engaged in each class. Consistent attendance will afford students the most educational benefit from our rigorous academic curriculum and expansive co-curricular programs.

- Elementary School: Elementary School students may not be absent for more than 18 days in one academic year. Not adhering to this policy could affect recommendation for a student's grade promotion or continued enrollment at ASW.
- Middle School: Middle School students may not be absent for more than 7 class periods in any given course per semester. Not adhering to this policy could affect recommendation for a student's grade promotion or continued enrollment at ASW.
- High School: High School students may not be absent for more than 7 class periods in any given course per semester. Credit will not be granted to students for courses in which students do not meet the attendance requirement, which could adversely affect progress toward graduation and recommendation for continued enrollment.

At ASW, all absences are equal. An absence for an illness, doctor's appointment, CEESA sports trip, club sponsored trip, family vacation, and all other absences will be counted in the student's total. School mandated trips will not count against a student's total. School holidays are published months in advance, and therefore families are strongly discouraged from planning extended absences for students outside these published dates.

When mitigating circumstances arise that force students to miss more than the allowed absences, the School Director reserves the right to make reasonable exceptions to this policy on a case by case basis.

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