



**SKY ACADEMY WHERE SUCCESS HAS NO BOUNDARIES!**

SKY Academy Attendance Policy

F.S 1003.24 – Parents are responsible for attendance of children; each parent of a child within the compulsory attendance age is responsible for the child’s school attendance as required by law.

F.S. 1003.26 – Schools must take an active role in promoting and enforcing attendance as a means of improving student performance. Schools are responsible for enforcing school attendance of all students subject to the compulsory school age. The responsibility includes recommending policies and procedures to ensure a timely response to unexcused absences. Schools must require parents of students to justify each absence of the student and that justification to be evaluated.

*See additional F.S. 1003.27; 1003.21; and 1002.41.*

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Sarasota County School board (SCSB) Attendance Policy 200.0 – School attendance is the responsibility of the parent and the student. There is a strong relationship between attendance and academic performance. (Section 2 of the SCSB Student and Family Handbook )

All absences are considered unexcused until the school receives written explanation from the parent/guardian within three days of the absence. The principal or designee has the authority to determine whether or not an absence is excused. Excessive absences for illnesses may result in the student being required to provide a doctor’s note or other substantiating evidence.

SCSB Attendance Policy 200.1 – Excused Absences include: student illness (if documented by parent or medical doctor); religious holiday; medical appointment; death in the family; legal subpoena; and other pre-arranged absences approved by school principal.

*See additional SCSB Policies 201.0; 201.1; 201.2; and 201.3.*

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SKY Academy is a tuition-free Public Charter School in Sarasota County. We support the highest standards for our students in an effort to ensure their success in secondary school, post-secondary school (college and university) and in the work environment after they have completed their final studies. We support SCSB policies and follow all Florida State Statutes for school attendance. We encourage communication with our parents and strictly support the attainment of our School improvement goals for attendance and parent communication.

The following additional policies will be immediately implemented at SKY Academy:



- (1) Pre-arranged absences (Passport) will be scheduled by the parent through the SKY front office for two (2) or more days out of school, where students are excused for their absences but are required to make up all school work.
  - (2) Parents will be notified in writing of the following number of absences for their child: 5 absences per quarter; 10 absences per semester. Absences will be counted and accrued per school year, i.e. the student's absence does not start over for each semester and quarter.
  - (3) Home Room teachers will contact parents and notify the school principal for each student with three (3) consecutive absences during the school year.
  - (4) Automated parent notification of student absences will be implemented in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of the school year.
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