

BROOKLIN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Regular school attendance is vital to a student's learning and the successful completion of school. On days when school is in session, attendance is compulsory under Maine law (20-A MRSA 5001.4 A-E).

1. Every person between the ages of seven and seventeen shall attend public school or an equivalent instruction program during the time that it is in session. Any absence of one half day or more shall be deemed a violation of this requirement.
2. Students may be excused from school by the Principal or Superintendent for one of the following reasons:
 - A. Personal illness;
 - B. Appointments with health professionals that cannot be made outside the regular school day;
 - C. Observance of recognized religious holidays when the observance is required during a regular school day;
 - D. Emergency family situations;
 - E. Planned absences for personal or educational purposes, which have been approved in advance.
3. Approval must be granted in advance except for items A. and D. above.
4. Parents of students who accumulate unexcused absences will be notified by the administration of each school. Notification procedures will be developed by each school and approved by the Superintendent. These procedures will be published in the student handbook.
5. Procedures and deadlines for making up missed class work will be published in the student handbook.
6. Any student who is absent from school for ten full days or for half days on seven consecutive days within a six-month period for other than an excused absence shall be deemed a habitual truant.
7. The school administration will follow the Brooklin Truancy Policy 10.3A in truancy cases.

References: 20-A MRSA 20-A § 5001-A, et seq., 20-A MRSA § 3271-3
Brooklin Truancy Policy 10.3A