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N	No Response	-	Negative
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DATE	INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION	COMMENTS	ACTION/TYPE	RATIONALE
		§126-81-3 Policy Development		
2016-04-19 07:03:42	Debbie Garvin Special Education Teacher Oak Hill High School Oak Hill WV	Attendance is important for the student to succeed. Unfortunately attendance is not important to many families. Parents are allowed to write numerous excuses for their children. This policy makes it difficult for the schools to meet the attendance standards. Also as a special education teacher I feel it is unfair for the students who are on a modified diploma to be counted in our "number" of drop outs. Many of these students have excellent attendance. They are making achievements at their own level and should not be considered a drop out. This not only effects the students but the school.	NA/-	<p>This policy is designed to more accurately determine daily rates of attendance. Allowing a deduction for excused absences does not provide a school/county with accurate information about the numbers of students actually in attendance on a daily basis.</p> <p>Students earning modified diplomas are considered completers, but they're not included in the counts of graduates for determining graduation rates. Graduation rates (per federal guidance) are calculated using only regular/standard diplomas. But students earning modified diplomas are not included in dropout rates because they</p>

2016-04-20 13:38:15	Angela Terry Principal Monroe County Schools Peterstown WV	I am a principal in West Virginia and this policy does nothing but make it more difficult for those in the school system. This still does not hold the parents and students accountable for attendance issues. Over 80 percent of students miss up to three days of school in one year, which means already overworked and underpaid principals and teachers will have to spend much of their day in even more unnecessary meetings. This is another policy that has been written and there will be no funding from the feds or the state to go along with it. I would ask that you consider what adding the three day and 5 day meeting is going to accomplish. We already have SAT meetings once a student has 5 unexcused absences. There is no reason to add another meeting or a 3 day letter for that matter, which you chose to implement last year and has had no bearing on student attendance. Until we start holding the parents and the students themselves more accountable in the court of law, we will not see results in reference to attendance issues. Putting more work on those in the school system is not going to help.	NA/-	didn't drop out. The requirement to make parent contact at the 3rd and 5th unexcused absence is mandated by W. Va. Code §18-8-4.
2016-04-21 09:38:52	Glenn Sweet Attendance Director Barbour County Schools Philippi WV	Consideration was not made for costs that will be incurred at the county level!	NA/-	The requirement to make parent contact at the 3rd and 5th unexcused absence is mandated by W. Va. Code §18-8-4.
2016-04-21 14:06:31	Dr. Sheri Hoff Director of Attendance Jefferson County Schools Charles Town wv	5.3.b.5 is in direct conflict with WV Code 18-8-8. I did not think that policy could supersede law.	NA/-	W. Va. Code §18-8-8 only considers the days during which a student/parent refuses to comply with regulations or

2016-05-04 14:26:01	A concerned teacher	<p>Where are you going to find the staff to report everyday to the attendance director how many students are up to 3 unexcused absences.</p> <p>A little over 500 students sharing almost 6000 days of absences is ridiculous! Sure wish the legislature and the state board would care about this enough to try to fix it at the Elementary level. Maybe it wouldn't be so bad in middle school, but as of now the same kids are allowed to miss 30-60 days of school year after year.</p>	NA/-	<p>requirements required for readmission after a suspension to by unlawful for truancy prosecutions. The initial days of the suspension (or expulsion) are not considered unlawful for purposes of truancy prosecutions.</p> <p>The requirement to make parent contact at the 3rd and 5th unexcused absence is mandated by W. Va. Code §18-8-4.</p>
2016-05-05 13:51:32	A concerned teacher	<p>Why are tardies permitted? some of my students are tardy 10-15 minutes EVERYDAY. We have no recourse because it is not addressed in policy. Parents do not take this policy seriously because this policy is not being followed to the letter of the law. The county Attendance Director is overwhelmed and cannot get petitThe magistrate court is not acting fast enough to make a difference.</p>	NA/-	<p>The manner in which tardiness is handled is to be determined by county policy. Policy 4110 requires county attendance policies to set forth reasonable preventative measures and consequences for student tardiness (6.1.b.5.) and to develop preventive and educational procedures including incentives, to maintain and improve attendance and reduce tardiness (6.1.e.1.).</p>
2016-	Patricia Park	I do not see how schools can be responsible for	NA/-	This policy is designed to more

05-09 11:43:10	Federal Programs Director Mason County Schools Pt Pleasant WV	attendance, and the calculation for making progress with testing, without any school system controls.		accurately determine daily rates of attendance. Allowing a deduction for excused absences does not provide a school/county with accurate information about the numbers of students actually in attendance on a daily basis. This policy is designed to more accurately determine daily rates of attendance. Allowing a deduction for excused absences does not provide a school/county with accurate information about the numbers of students actually in attendance on a daily basis.
2016- 05-16 09:01:34	Deirdre Cline Assistant Superintendent Wyoming County Board of Education Pineville WV	Schools have no control over any reason that a student is absent. Excused absences should be considered allowable deductions.	NA/-	This policy is designed to more accurately determine daily rates of attendance. Allowing a deduction for excused absences does not provide a school/county with accurate information about the numbers of students actually in attendance on a daily basis.

§126-81-4 Definitions

2016- 04-19 09:48:04	Leslie Haynes Reading Specialist West Virginia Education Association RIPLEY WV	The full school day is defined as .74. This leaves much room for late arrivals and early dismissals, time during which instruction is critical. If schools are held to 180 full days of instruction, then how can a full day only be 74% of the school day?	NA/-	This definition applies only to individual students. Late arrivals and early dismissals for inclement weather and like events are guided by W. Va. Code §18-5-45 and Policy 3234.
2016- 04-20 07:43:19	Tonya LaFaber Martinsburg WV	I find it absurd that schools will be penalized (allowable deductions for schools being changed) for students who have excused absences from parents or doctors. Most places of employment provide sick days because life happens, we get sick. You are essentially saying that the schools are being punished for illnesses that happen. Yes, attendance is vital to each student's learning process	NA/-	This policy is designed to more accurately determine daily rates of attendance. Allowing a deduction for excused absences does not provide a school/county with accurate information about the numbers of students actually in

2016-04-21 09:38:52	Glenn Sweet Attendance Director Barbour County Schools Philippi WV	but it if they are sick, they need to stay home rather than spread their illness to other students.	NA/o	attendance on a daily basis.
2016-04-26 13:40:43	Patti Burdette Attendance/Social Services Director Greenbrier County Schools Lewisburg WV	4.2 Alternative school placement should also be included in the list of non-deductions. 4.10.d and 4.10.f It would be helpful if the physician could be specified to be "a specialist for the identified condition" to avoid parents doctor shopping.	NA/-	Alternative school placements are included in the list of non-deductions as they are school/county directed placements outside of the traditional classroom environment. Regarding physicians, the regulations for Homebound/Hospital Services are set forth in Policy 2510.
2016-04-26 14:41:52	Jody Shewbridge Attendance Director Moorefield WV	4.10.b - Personal illness or injury of the student or in the family. There must be a limit to the number of personal illness or injury of the student or in the family. This should be limited to ten (10) days per school year, with the local counties choosing how to divide these 10 days. 4.10. How many absences, for absences not documented by a physicians note, are allowed? Do they have unlimited parent notes? How long does the student have to submit absence notes to the school for adjustment? May they bring the day they appear in court and charges are then dismissed? A statewide policy regarding these limits would be beneficial. However, at the minimum, I believe a statement should be included in 126-81-6 County Attendance Policy Components allowing counties to determine the number of allowable absences, for	NA/-	Counties can determine the parameters for these days via local policy, including if and when a physician's note is required.
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2016-04-27 10:48:09 Amy Hall
Special Education
Specialist
Greenbrier County
Schools
Lewisburg WV

absences not documented by physician's note, as well as the time frame notes may be submitted for adjustment.

It would be helpful to define "family". As written, a student could be determined "excused" if which family member is ill or injured? This could seriously be abused. For example, if mothers second cousin is ill, I would not think the student would be entitled to an excused absence.

Additionally, considering a limit to the number of allowable parent notes would be beneficial. This should be limited to 10 school days per year, with each LEA determining how to code these days per semester.

4.2 The removal of excused student absences as an allowable deduction places a burden on the school that it has virtually no control over. This is yet another example of the weight of a regulation policy falling on the school while the parent/guardian which has primary responsibility for the student attendance are held far less accountable by policy or law.

4.10.b The phrase "or in the family" needs to be deleted or better define. Judges across the state have informed attendance directors that this gives parents a carte blanche excuse for absences and basically kills the ability to enforce truancy laws.

4.10.d Do not remove the statement: "Such absence(s) shall be considered an allowable

NA/-

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Counties can determine the parameters for days absent for illness via local policy, including if and when a physician's note is required.

2016-04-27 11:47:25 Blaine Hess
Superintendent
Jackson County Schoos
Ripley WV

2016-04-28 15:02:37	Kristianna Venderlic Attendance & Child Nutrition Director Pleasants County Schools St. Marys West	deduction for purposes of Â§126-81-5.2.” 4.6 "a" student 4.10.c "dental" 4.12.b "children or youth who are living in places not..."	A/o	These changes have been made.
2016-04-29 09:09:02	Ben Routson Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Greenbrier County Schools Lewisburg WV	There must be a limit to the number of days a student can be absent for sickness, injury or family problems without documentation from a licensed physician. The number should stay 10 days and should be allowed to be determined how to use those 10 days by the county.	NA/-	Counties can determine the parameters for these days via local policy, including if and when a physician’s note is required.
2016-04-29 13:22:11	Melinda Walton Attendance Director Tyler County Schools Middlebourne WV	Codes P3, P4, M5 and M6 need to be restored	NA/-	This policy is designed to more accurately determine daily rates of attendance. Allowing a deduction for excused absences does not provide a school/county with accurate information about the numbers of students actually in attendance on a daily basis.
2016-05-02 15:41:29	Nancy Hanna Director of Early Childhood Education Greenbrier County Schools Lewisburg WV	A limit needs to be set for the number of days of personal illness or injury to the student or in the family. This should be limited to 10 days per school year. Local counties should decide how to divide the 10 days.	NA/-	Counties can determine the parameters for these days via local policy, including if and when a physician’s note is required.
2016-05-03 13:51:44	Paula McCoy Lead School Nurse Greenbrier County	There must be a limit to the number of personal illness or injury of the student or in the family. This should be limited to ten (10) days per school year,	NA/-	Counties can determine the parameters for these days via local policy, including if and

	<p>Schools Lewisburg WV</p>	<p>with the local counties choosing how to divide these 10 days. Anything in excess of the ten days should require documentation from a physician.</p>		<p>when a physician's note is required.</p>
<p>2016-05-05 14:34:35</p>	<p>Stacey Lusk-Butcher Director of Assessment and General Student Support Wyoming County Board of Education Rock View WV</p>	<p>4.2 Allowable Deductions for Schools- This needs expanded to include more things like doctor's excuses and death in family. It is not right to penalize a child or a school for something beyond their control, like being in the hospital for pneumonia or the death of a parent. However, the way it reads, basketball tournaments or band performances, if labeled as co-curricular would be excused. That is fine, but to penalize for the others is not acceptable. Excused absences should be considered allowable deductions.</p>	<p>NA/ A/o</p>	<p>Counties can determine the parameters for these days via local policy, including if and when a physician's note is required.</p>
<p>2016-05-09 13:52:17</p>	<p>Joshua Brumfield Attendance Director Boone County Schools Madison WV</p>	<p>4.6- If removing the word individual, then the word "an" needs to be changed to "a".</p> <p>Comments on Policy 4110</p> <p>126-81-4 definitions</p> <p>4.2 Allowable Deductions for Schools-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o *RESTORE: "absent students for whom the attendance director has pursued judicial remedies to compel attendance (file a criminal complaint or juvenile petition) due provisions in W. Va. Code 18-8-4." WVEIS CODES P3 and P4. o *Reason to RESTORE: Removing P3 and P4 WVIES codes as an allowable deduction is applying more pressure to the school system for which ultimately it has very limited control over. Once the school system has filed a criminal 	<p>NA/-</p>	<p>This policy is designed to more accurately determine daily rates of attendance. Allowing a deduction for excused absences does not provide a school/county with accurate information about the numbers of students actually in attendance on a daily basis.</p>

complaint or an incorrigible petition against the parent/ guardian or the student, policy should direct the focus on the student or the parents who ultimately have the greatest control on school attendance.

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4.10.b "Personal illness or injury of the student or in the family."
o *Reason to better define: When defining "Excused Student Absences", 4.10.b should be less vague. The phrase "or in the family" is ambiguous and potentially gives parents/ guardians a "wide range" of excused absences.

5.3.b.2 "Three (3) day total unexcused absences notification letter from the attendance director."
o *Reason to Omit: Currently the school district is required to send a letter/ notification at 5 unexcused absences and at 3 unexcused absences. Sending a letter/ notification at 3 unexcused absences followed by sending a letter/ notification at 5 unexcused absences is redundant and financially burdensome on the district.

The requirement to make parent contact at the 3rd and 5th unexcused absence is mandated by W. Va. Code §18-8-4.

2016-05-10 13:15:02 Charles Hedrick
Assistant Superintendent
Pendleton County School
Franklin WV

OSS days should be unexcused absences.

NA/o

OSS days are unexcused absences, however, they cannot be used as the basis of a truancy prosecution.

2016-05-11 07:20:24 John Hudson
Superintendent
Boone County Schools
Madison WV

Please consider the following regarding definitions. I have worked closely with our attendance director to review the policy and have the following comments/suggestions:

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- o *Reason to RESTORE: Removing P3 and P4 WVEIS codes as an allowable deduction is applying more pressure to the school system for which ultimately it has very limited control over. Once the school system has filed a criminal complaint or an incorrigible petition against the parent/ guardian or the student, policy should direct the focus on the student or the parents who ultimately have the greatest control on school attendance.

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2016-05-12 22:43:09	Sharon Norman Attendance Director Wyoming County Pineville WV	burdensome on the district. (4.2) Schools should not be held accountable when a student is absent due to a valid reason. Some examples are as follows: **We do not want sick kids in school spreading germs and making other kids (and staff) sick, ** we want to keep our students healthy so it's important they keep medical appointments, ** a student might hospitalized, ** a students is absent due to a death of a parent, etc., **many times CPS has taken custody of a students and it's a few days before they get them enrolled in another school. We have no control over any of these reasons for absences and should not be held accountable. Excused absences should be considered an allowable deduction.		
2016-05-13 09:20:52	Timothy Smith Teacher Raleigh County Schools Shady Spring WV	Revisions to section 4.2 of WVBE Policy 4110 currently state that school/county directed placements outside the traditional school day are considered an allowable deduction. Does this include homebound placements resulting from a doctor's referral?	NA/o	Yes. Homebound placements are included in the list of allowable deductions as they are school/county directed placements outside of the traditional classroom environment.
2016-05-15 04:44:26	Sandra Sheatsley Director of Federal Programs and Elementary Educat Raleigh County Schools Beckley WV	Revisions to section 4.2 of WVBE Policy 4110 currently state that school/county directed placements outside the traditional school day are considered an allowable deduction. Does this include homebound placements resulting from a doctor's referral?		Yes. Homebound placements are included in the list of allowable deductions as they are school/county directed placements outside of the traditional classroom environment.
2016-05-16	Sharon Pitts teacher	I dislike the idea of a system that does not allow for student illness. In the end we will be evaluating	NA/-	Absences for illness can be excused absences. However,

11:31:08 Calhoun Middle High School
Mt. Zion WV

schools based on their ability to keep students well or get them to come to school sick. Granted there are students that abuse the illness excuse, but there needs to be a different method of dealing with them individually rather than counting all illness as "unacceptable absences."

these absences will be considered in calculating the school's attendance rate. This policy is designed to more accurately determine daily rates of attendance. Allowing a deduction for excused absences does not provide a school/county with accurate information about the numbers of students actually in attendance on a daily basis.

2016-05-16 14:49:00
Todd Barcus
Director
Wetzel County Schools
New Martinsville WV

4.2--Our Superintendent and I are concerned with how this proposed change could impact the schools accountability attendance rates since excused absences and absences for pursuing judicial remedies may now count against the accountability rate. We question the fairness in this as these codes follow both state law regarding attendance and truancy as well as follow the state absence reason codes.

NA/-

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4.10.b--State absence reason codes state illness or injury in the family may need to be verified by a physician in writing. (the wording of the proposed policy does not match)

NA/-

Counties can determine the parameters for these days via local policy, including if and when a physician's note is required.

4.10.c--We assume this is just a typo and should state "medical or dental"

A/o

This change has been made

4.10.h--The state absence reason codes state for three days unless extraordinary circumstances (the wording of the proposed policy does not match)

We will work to make policy and codes consistent.

		4.12.b--We assume this is just a typo and should state "students who have a primary nighttime residence not designed for..."	A/o	This change has been made.
		5.3.b.5--We agree and have not counted suspensions in our county for several years.	A/o	
§126-81-5 Responsibilities				
2016-05-16 12:31	Linda Breeden Assistant Attendance Director Kanawha county Schools	Both 5.3.b.2 and 5.3.b.3 currently state “. . . serve written notice to the parent . . .” However, 5.3.b.3 should be clarified and state “serve written notice of unexcused absences, form CA-2, to the parent . . .” otherwise it could be interpreted as sending just a “letter.”	NA/-	No specific type of written notice is mandated by statute. Counties have discretion as to whether a particular form or letter will be required.
2016-04-21 09:38:52	Glenn Sweet Attendance Director Barbour County Schools Philippi WV	5.3.b.5 Out-of-School Suspensions should be counted as Unexcused Absences. The behaviors that result in Out-of-School Suspensions are well defined in County and School Policy, therefore when a student chooses to demonstrate one of the behaviors that result in Out-of-School Suspension it is a conscious decision.	NA/o	Suspension days are unexcused absences, however, they cannot be used as the basis of a truancy prosecution.
2016-04-21 14:30:32	Karen Nance Member of Board of Education Cabell County Schools Huntington WV	I feel it would improve the system if a step was added where the student came before the Board of Education (BOE) prior to going before the court. A hearing before the BOE would give the BOE a chance to find possible resolutions to the student's poor attendance before the courts are forced to get involved. I have noticed that high school students are missing excessive days without any intervention by the court. The students come before the BOE on other issues and have missed 30 or more days. I was told this was because they were nearing 18 and	NA/o	Counties could consider revising their local policies, or pursuing dropout innovation zone grants from the WVDE, to enhance existing interventions for older students.

soon could legally dropout. Also, parents could not force older students to attend. I feel if the courts want to focus on younger students, there should be something the BOE could do to possibly keep high school students in school until they graduate. I am sure this is an issue that would require Legislative Action, but I believe the State BOE should consider requesting that 126-81 be altered to close this gap in intervention.

2016-04-25 17:08:01 William Cottrill
Mr.
Mason County Schools
Point Pleasant WV

I believe that the parent notes should be counted as excused for the A-F system.

NA/-

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2016-04-26 13:40:43 Patti Burdette
Attendance/Social
Services Director
Greenbrier County
Schools
Lewisburg WV

5.3.b.3 and 5.3.c.2 These two sections require that in the case of five (5) total unexcused absences, the attendance director or assistant serve written notice to the parent or guardian.

NA/-

The requirement for the attendance director or assistant to make parent contact at the 3rd and 5th unexcused absence is mandated by W. Va. Code §18-8-4.

2016-04-26 14:41:52 Jody Shewbridge
Attendance Director
Moorefield WV

5.3.b.5 Should not be included in the Policy. Truancy is the habitual absence from school without good cause. OSS days should NOT be considered good cause. Please see the 2013 Supreme Court of Appeals-WV decision In re:

NA/-

OSS days are still unexcused absences, however, they cannot be used as the basis of a truancy prosecution. The In re: Brandi B case dealt with prosecutions of

		Brandi B		youth as status offenders pursuant to W. Va. Code §49-1-4(15)(C) (2009). Truancy prosecutions against parents are guided by W. Va. Code §18-8-4.
2016-04-27 10:48:09	Amy Hall Special Education Specialist Greenbrier County Schools Lewisburg WV	Currently, the attendance director sends out 3 day letters (3 unexcused absences) and 10 day letters (10 unexcused absences). The principal of each school or principal's designee sends out 5 day letters to parents. Involvement at the school level is critical; therefore, the 5 day letter should continue to be sent from the school of record. This holds school, students, and parents more accountable and encourages facilitation of school based meetings to promote faithful attendance.	NA/-	The requirement for the attendance director or assistant to make parent contact at the 3rd and 5th unexcused absence is mandated by W. Va. Code §18-8-4.
2016-04-27 11:47:25	Blaine Hess Superintendent Jackson County Schoos Ripley WV	5.3.b.2 Omit 3 day letter. A 3 day letter followed by a 5 day letter places an extra burden on county funds. Often times parental excuse notes and the attendance letter pass in the mail and upsets parents and causes anxiety for all. Most schools use automated calling systems, which keep records of contacts, to inform parents of their child's absences from school. Parents should be required to meet with school officials within 10 days of the receipt of an attendance letter.	NA/-	The requirement for the attendance director or assistant to make parent contact at the 3rd and 5th unexcused absence is mandated by W. Va. Code §18-8-4.
2016-04-28 15:02:37	Kristianna Venderlic Attendance & Child Nutrition Director	5.3.b.5 Omit this portion of the policy since it appears to be in conflict with WV Code Â§18-8-8. 5.3.c "Missing the subject - who is required..." 5.3.c.2 "This is duplicated"	NA/-	Section 5.3.c.2 contains duties for the principal as well.

Pleasants County Schools
St. Marys West

<p>2016-04-28 16:13:25</p>	<p>Frazier McGuire Principal McDowell County Schools Bradshaw WV</p>	<p>My concern is that current attendance laws and policy have limited "teeth" in them. Low school attendance & truancy have multiple causes and the schools play an important part in this. We need to make schools safe, inviting, and attempt to meet the needs of the whole child but students and parents also have a responsibility. We hold counties school systems, principals, and teachers accountable for attendance issues but after the school system has tried multiple things to support these students, the only recourse left is going to court. The court systems in many counties are hesitant in dealing with attendance issues so the student and / or parents are not held accountable. If students don't come to school they should not be promoted or graduate. In college and the work world people who don't attend class or don't come to work don't pass the class or they get fired from their jobs. I understand that a student's drivers license can be impacted but for many students in my area they do not care about this.</p>	<p>N/o</p>	<p>The WVDE agrees that attendance is essential. This policy was designed to more accurately determine daily rates of attendance. Allowing a deduction for excused absences does not provide a school/county with accurate information about the numbers of students actually in attendance on a daily basis.</p>
<p>2016-04-29 13:22:11</p>	<p>Melinda Walton Attendance Director Tyler County Schools Middlebourne WV</p>	<p>The three day letter is not necessary. It is an extra expense to the county and only has caused poor communication between home and school. A meeting at the 10 day mark has proven to be the most beneficial in Tyler County.</p>	<p>NA/-</p>	<p>The requirement to make parent contact at the 3rd and 5th unexcused absence is mandated by W. Va. Code §18-8-4.</p>
<p>2016-05-02 15:41:29</p>	<p>Nancy Hanna Director of Early Childhood Education Greenbrier County</p>	<p>To better facilitate communication and the scheduling of the face to face meetings, the building administrator should send the five days out letters. The attendance director is responsible for</p>	<p>NA/-</p>	<p>The requirement to make parent contact at the 3rd and 5th unexcused absence by the attendance director is mandated</p>

	Schools Lewisburg WV	sending the three day and ten day letters.		by W. Va. Code §18-8-4.
2016-05-03 13:51:44	Paula McCoy Lead School Nurse Greenbrier County Schools Lewisburg WV	These letters are communication tools for the schools and the families. The administrator in the building should be responsible for sending the five day letter out. This should help with scheduling these meeting and communicating with families. The attendance director is responsible for sending out three (3) day letters and ten (10) day letters regarding unexcused absences.	NA/-	The requirement to make parent contact at the 3rd and 5th unexcused absence by the attendance director is mandated by W. Va. Code §18-8-4.
2016-05-03 15:42:11	Lynne Bostic Director of Elementary and Middle School Education Greenbrier County Schools Lewisburg WV	It seems that the attendance director at the county level is sending out all of the letters - 3, 5, and 10 day letters. It seems that one of these should come from the school level.	NA/-	The requirement to make parent contact at the 3rd and 5th unexcused absence by the attendance director is mandated by W. Va. Code §18-8-4.
2016-05-04 14:26:01	A concerned teacher	The problem is in Elementary School. We have students missing 40-69 days per year and NOTHING is being done to stop this. Students have missed an entire years' worth of school before entering the third grade. The county attendance director is overwhelmed and isn't able to deal with a young student until they get at least 20 absences and even then, the courts are not serving the warrants for months. The policy is ineffective! All a parent needs to do is find a doctor who will write notes and they write them for absences from 6 months ago! Additionally, these doctors are not being held accountable for the 30-40 days of school THEY ALONE are writing these students off. The law prevents the school from contacting these	NA/-	Counties could consider revising their local policies, or pursuing dropout innovation zone grants from the WVDE, to enhance existing interventions for students. Additionally, counties can determine additional parameters for excused absences via local policy, including if and when a physician's note is required.

		<p>doctors. Until doctors stop helping people be truant, this policy is INEFFECTIVE! Most of the truant students are getting public assistance! WHY NOT ATTACH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TO THE WELFARE CHECK??????? I would be happy to give a monthly report to welfare if it means it breaks the cycle of welfare dependency. UNTIL THESE ISSUES ARE DEALT WITH, THIS POLICY IS NOT BEING FOLLOWED AND IS THEREFORE INEFFECTIVE!</p>		
<p>2016-05-05 12:06:41</p>	<p>james.kirby Attendance Director Harrison County Schools CLARKSBURG WV</p>	<p>5.3.b.5 states that Parents, Guardians, or Custodians are not to be arrested for suspension day however, the WV Code 18-8-8 addressing suspensions and holding parents accountable has not changed. Creating a policy stating that we are not to follow the law is not appropriate or lawful.</p>	<p>NA/-</p>	<p>W. Va. Code §18-8-8 only considers the days during which a student/parent refuses to comply with regulations or requirements required for readmission after a suspension to be unlawful for truancy prosecutions. The initial days of the suspension (or expulsion) are not considered unlawful for purposes of truancy prosecutions.</p>
<p>2016-05-05 14:34:35</p>	<p>Stacey Lusk-Butcher Director of Assessment and General Student Support Wyoming County Board of Education Rock View WV</p>	<p>5.3.b.2- Sending letters home at 3 days is too much on the schools to do and turn around and send them again at 5. Eliminate the 3 day letter and only send the 5 day letter.</p>	<p>NA/-</p>	<p>The requirement to make parent contact at the 3rd and 5th unexcused absence is mandated by W. Va. Code §18-8-4.</p>
<p>2016-05-09</p>	<p>Robin Hall Assistant Superintendent</p>	<p>Schools should not be held accountable when a student misses school for a valid reason such as</p>	<p>NA/-</p>	<p>This policy is designed to more accurately determine daily rates</p>

14:41:21	Wyoming County Board of Education Pineville WV	medical/dental appointment, chronic medical condition, calamity (such as fire or flood), death in the family, legal obligations, or personal illness or injury verified by the parent.		of attendance. Allowing a deduction for excused absences does not provide a school/county with accurate information about the numbers of students actually in attendance on a daily basis.
2016-05-10 13:15:02	Charles Hedrick Assistant Superintendent Pendleton County School Franklin WV	The number of parent notes should be limited to 5 per semester.	NA/-	Counties can determine additional parameters for excused days via local policy, including if and when a physician's note is required.
2016-05-11 11:13:37	Drema J. Dempsey Student Services & Attendance Director Mingo County Schools Williamson wv	Section 5.3.b.9 (7)Due to safety issues, remove the requirement to make home visits of students who have excessive unexcused absences. If the requirement to make home visits must remain in the policy, please add the following "accompanied by law enforcement".	NA/-	This is a requirement of W. Va. Code §18-8-4.
2016-05-12 22:43:09	Sharon Norman Attendance Director Wyoming County Pineville WV	(5.3.c.2) This does not coincide with WV Code 18-8-5 (Duties of the Principal). It is a repeat of the Attendance Director's duties.		The requirement to make parent contact at the 3rd and 5th unexcused absence by the attendance director is mandated by W. Va. Code §18-8-4.
2016-05-15 13:29:13	Marianne M Annie Chesapeake Elementary South CHARLESTON West	It would be a huge help if WVEIS could flag kids with 3 unexcused absences.	NA/-	We will explore this concept.

§126-81-7 School Attendance as a Condition of Licensing for Privilege of Operation of Motor Vehicle (This § is being removed as it is contained in a separate policy, Policy 4150 - Student Driver Eligibility Certificate)

2016-	Glenn Sweet	No problem with this, but does this require counties	NA/o	This can remain a part of the
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04-21 09:38:52	Attendance Director Barbour County Schools Philippi WV	to develop separate policy as well or can it remain as part of our Attendance Policy?		county attendance policy.
2016- 04-21 14:30:32	Karen Nance Member of Board of Education Cabell County Schools Huntington WV	I feel this change is long overdue. It became unnecessary when the State passed the bill disallowing students to dropout prior to the age of 18. It burdened the schools with unnecessary paperwork and it hampered students' ability to get a license in a timely manner.	NA/o	The requirement is not being eliminated. It is found in Policy 4150, Student Driver Eligibility Certificate.
2016- 04-29 13:22:11	Melinda Walton Attendance Director Tyler County Schools Middlebourne WV	The removal of driving rights has proven to be a huge assistance to improving school attendance. It doesn't matter where this is in policy as long as it remains in policy.	N/o	The requirement is found in Policy 4150, Student Driver Eligibility Certificate.
2016- 05-04 14:26:01	A concerned teacher	How about school attendance as a condition for public assistance!	N/o	
2016- 05-05 12:06:41	james.kirby Attendance Director Harrison County Schools CLARKSBURG WV	The stand alone Driver's License Policy refers to the Driver's License portion of the Attendance Policy for reference. If it is to be removed then the Driver's License Policy needs updated.	A/o	We will plan this revision.
2016- 05-16 14:49:00	Todd Barcus Director Wetzel County Schools New Martinsville WV	We assume this is because the WVBOE does not want language duplicated in different policies. As long as Policy 4150 remains we do not object.	N/o	The requirement is not being eliminated. It is found in Policy 4150, Student Driver Eligibility Certificate.