

POLICY 320: Student Attendance

The Board of Education for School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) believes that students' knowledge, skills and attitudes are enhanced through regular school attendance.

The *School Act* of British Columbia and its accompanying Regulations are explicit about each school-age student's compulsory attendance at school, except when excused under those exemptions permitted by legislation. Under legislation, parents or guardians are responsible for ensuring that school attendance requirements are fulfilled as prescribed.

There is an expectation that the schools in the district establish, communicate and enforce fair and consistent attendance procedures.

Parents/guardians of students be informed of absenteeism in a timely fashion in order to support learning and also student safety.