

POLICY 320: Student 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.

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

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

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

Related Legislation: [School Act \[RSBC 1996, Part 6, Division 2, Section 85 \(2\)\(c\)\(iii\)\]](#)

Related Contract Article: Nil

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