

6.14 STUDENT ATTENDANCE ACCOUNTING/MISSING CHILDREN

The Board of Education believes in the importance of trying to decrease the number of missing children. Therefore, efforts will be made to identify possible missing children and notify the proper adults or agencies.

The primary responsibility for supervision of a student rests with his/her parent(s) or guardian(s). The school district staff will provide the assistance it can to parents and guardians with this responsibility.

Parent(s)/guardian(s) must notify the school on the day a student is absent unless previous notification has been given in accordance with school procedure for excused absences. A telephone call from a parent will constitute sufficient notification. If the parent does not contact the school, the principal or his/her designee is also required to initiate the notification to the student's parent, custodial parent, guardian, legal custodian, or other person responsible for him/her when the student is absent from school. The parent or other responsible person shall be notified by telephone or written notice, which is mailed on the same day as the student's absence. Parents or other responsible persons shall provide the school with their current home and/or work telephone numbers and home addresses, as well as emergency telephone numbers.

The Superintendent may request any person authorized to take student photographs to provide a wallet-sized photograph of each student for inclusion in his/her file and may develop a voluntary student fingerprinting program in conjunction with local law enforcement agencies.

The Board shall designate the Superintendent or his/her designee to develop informational programs for students, parents, and community members relative to missing children issues and matters.