



Pocono Mountain School District

Attendance/Grading

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How will Pennsylvania measure student daily attendance during remote learning?

All Pennsylvania school districts, charter schools, cyber charter schools, career and technology centers, and intermediate units must have an established attendance policy that governs how attendance is collected, coded, and reported. Daily student attendance data must be collected in the LEAs student information system; LEAs will be required to submit a full year of attendance data for SY 2020-21 to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) via the Pennsylvania Information Management System (PIMS), regardless of instructional delivery model.

2. How will student daily attendance be recorded in the PMSD “Learn from Home” Virtual Program and reported to PIMS?

Daily student attendance is mandatory and will be recorded as per the PMSD Board Attendance Policy #204. Every day (Monday-Friday) students will be required to complete an attendance “check in” question posted in Google Classroom by their Period 1 (high school/junior high school) and homeroom (elementary) teacher. A student will be considered absent if they do not complete the attendance “check in” question on or before 11:59 PM of the current school day.

3. When will teachers enter daily attendance for students?

Attendance will be recorded every day based on the attendance “check in” question. Teachers will enter daily attendance into the student information system by the end of each school day. As students have until 11:59 PM to earn daily attendance, any students who complete the attendance “check in” question after the school day has ended will have their attendance updated the following day. Any student who does not complete their attendance “check in” question will be marked absent for the day.

4. Is there a required length of time for students to be logged in?

Even though there is no required length of time that students must be logged in each day, for academic purposes, students are strongly encouraged to participate in the synchronous (live) instruction daily. Teachers will be monitoring student daily attendance and participation. Students are required to complete all assignments by the established teacher completion date.

5. I am enrolled at the Monroe County Vocational Technical School (MCTI). How will my PMSD daily attendance be recorded?

All MCTI students will complete their daily attendance “check in question” through their MCTI virtual platform. Additional information will be forthcoming from MCTI.

6. How are attendance excuses submitted?

Parents will remit attendance excuses within three days of the absence to the main office attendance administrative assistant email address for their building. Building attendance administrative assistants will adjust students’ attendance as necessary based on excuses submitted.

7. Will PMSD be sending out daily attendance calls?

No-PMSD will not be issuing our typical daily attendance calls, at least for the first few weeks of the school year. We will reassess the beginning of October.

8. How will students be graded?

As per PDE pass/fail will no longer be utilized. Traditional grading scales will be implemented for the 2020-2021 school year.

9. Do students need to adhere to the Student Code of Conduct?

Yes-students are expected to adhere to the Student Code of Conduct at all times while engaged in remote learning.