

## **STUDENT ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Optimal educational benefits can only be achieved through a student's regular class attendance, active class participation, and serious commitment to the educational program. Setting an expectation of good attendance forms a habit of lifelong benefit, as school attendance is often repeated in the workplace.

Fitzgerald Public Schools considers absenteeism and tardiness a serious disruption to the educational process, not only for the student, but for the teacher and entire class. To protect the integrity of the classroom and to encourage students to establish good attendance attitudes and habits, students who are absent or tardy may be subject to disciplinary action by the school.

Attendance in school is the responsibility of the student and the parent/guardian. The school's task is to provide instruction, encourage attendance and notify the parent/guardian of absences from class. Exemplary class attendance should be the desired goal of students, parents/guardians, and teachers.