

**Darien Public Schools
Darien, Connecticut**

POLICY

**Series 5100
Attendance**

Policy 5140

CONTINUITY OF ATTENDANCE

Status as an enrolled student in the Darien Public Schools carries with it an obligation to attend school continuously on all scheduled school days. If a parent voluntarily chooses to send his/her child to specialized training (skiing, skating, equestrian, ballet, acting, etc.) which then prevents the student from attending the normal instructional sessions of any of the Darien Public Schools for significant periods of time (9 or more of the scheduled school days in a marking period), these absences will be considered unexcused absences, and the academic consequences of unexcused absences will be imposed, as outlined in the school handbook. The school principals will oversee the application of this policy. The only other option is for the parent to withdraw the student from Darien Public School enrollment and to make alternate arrangements for the child's education during these periods of time. In these cases, the parent is solely responsible to make other arrangements for the education of the child. When the parent chooses the option to withdraw his/her child from the Darien Public Schools, in no cases will the Darien Public Schools and its staff be responsible further, either directly or indirectly, for the delivery of educational programs and services at sites away from our school buildings. Any parent who chooses to provide education by other means needs to be aware of school policy regarding the acceptance of transferred academic credits.

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