



Updated Notice
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Dennis M. Walcott
Chancellor

AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION OF THE CHANCELLOR

Number: A-210

Subject: MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR ATTENDANCE PROGRAMS

I. Description of the subject and purpose of the proposed item under consideration.

Chancellor's Regulation A-210 sets forth the policies regarding minimum standards for school attendance programs, school attendance services, attendance reporting, and follow-up procedures. The prior version of the regulation, dated January 20, 2011, will be amended in the following respects: 1) the requirement that children whose fifth birthday falls within the calendar year of admission must attend kindergarten, unless their parents elect instead to enroll them in first grade the following academic year, is added; 2) the minimum standards of attendance programs that schools are to develop on an annual basis are clarified, and new headings to each point listed under the section titled Minimum Attendance Program Standards for Schools are added for increased clarity; 3) the requirement that school attendance programs must provide for the recording of period attendance, where applicable, in addition to the recording of daily attendance in ATS, is added; 4) a definition of chronic absenteeism is added and the requirement that schools maintain a system for recognizing patterns of student absence and implement interventions to reduce chronic absenteeism is added; 5) the role and purpose of a Form 407 Attendance and Outreach Referral is clarified; 6) one of the circumstances under which a Form 407 will automatically generate has been changed: a Form 407 will automatically generate after 20 aggregate days of absence over a four-month period for students in pre-kindergarten through grade 8, but not for such students in grades 9-12; 7) the circumstances under which a Form 407 investigation may be closed are clarified; and 8) titles and offices are updated to reflect current Department of Education organization.

II. Information regarding where the full text of the proposed item may be obtained.

The full text of the amendments to the regulation, and the regulation in its entirety, can be found on the main page of the PEP website:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2013-2014/RegsSept2013PEP>

III. The name, office, address, email and telephone number of the city district representative, knowledgeable on the item under consideration, from whom information may be obtained concerning the item.

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IV. Date, time and place of the Panel for Educational Policy meeting at which the Panel will vote on the proposed item.

September 19, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
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