



A'TAKAMUL INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE POLICY – HIGH SCHOOL

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Applicable To: High School

I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish clear expectations regarding student attendance in compliance with the guidelines set forth by the Kuwait Ministry of Education. Regular attendance is essential for academic success, personal development, and maintaining continuity in learning. This policy aims to promote responsibility, accountability, and consistent participation in all educational activities.

II. Scope

This policy applies to all students enrolled at ATIS from Grade 9 through Grade 12. It outlines procedures for daily attendance, reporting absences, handling tardiness, and consequences for excessive absenteeism or unexcused absences.

III. Definitions

- **Excused Absence:** An absence approved by the school administration due to illness, medical appointments, family emergencies, or religious observances.
- **Unexcused Absence:** An absence not supported by documentation or not approved by the school.
- **Tardiness:** Arriving late to school or class without a valid reason.
- **Truancy:** Unauthorized absence from school or class without parental knowledge or approval.
- **Maximum Allowable Absences:** As per Kuwait MoE, students are not permitted to miss more than **10%** of total school days in an academic year.

IV. Attendance Expectations

A. Daily Attendance

All students are expected to attend school every day unless prevented by illness or other legitimate reasons. The school day begins at **7:30 AM**, and students must be present for the full instructional day.

B. Reporting Absences

Parents/guardians must notify the school within one (1) school day of their child's absence via:

- Phone call to the attendance office
- Email to Vice principals or Principals
- Written note upon return to school

C. Documentation Requirements

For absences exceeding two (2) consecutive days, parents must provide:

- A doctor's note for medical absences





- Documentation for family emergencies or travel (if applicable)
- Proof of religious observance if requested

V. Excused vs. Unexcused Absences

Type of Absence	Status	Required Documentation
Illness	Excused	Parent notification or doctor's note
Medical/Dental Appointments	Excused	Doctor/dentist appointment slip
Bereavement/Family Emergency	Excused	Written explanation or documentation
Religious Holidays	Excused	Notification in advance
Family Travel	Unexcused	Not considered excused under MoE policy
Truancy/School Skipping	Unexcused	N/A
Lack of Transportation	Unexcused	N/A

VI. Tardiness Policy

Students arriving after the official start time are considered tardy. Three (3) unexcused tardies equal one (1) unexcused absence.

Procedures:

- Students arriving late must sign in at the attendance office or front desk.
- Repeated tardiness will result in parent notification and possible disciplinary action.

VII. Consequences for Excessive Absences

As per the Kuwait Ministry of Education, students who exceed the maximum allowable absence limit (20%) may:

- Be restricted from sitting for semester exams
- Be required to repeat the grade level
- Be subject to review by the School Promotion Committee





Tiered Intervention Approach:

Number of excused Absences	Action Taken
25+ absences (Regular Student)	According to the MOE regulations, on day 26, the student will be withdrawn and considered failed
60+ absences (Chronic Illness)	According to the MOE regulations, on day 61, the student will be withdrawn and considered failed
80+ absences (Incurable Disease)	According to the MOE regulations, on day 81, the student will be withdrawn and considered failed

Number of Unexcused Absences	Action Taken
5 absences	1 st Formal Written Warning
10 absences	2 nd Formal Written Warning
15 absences	3 rd Formal Written Warning
If a student's absence exceeds 15 consecutive or cumulative days in the academic year without a valid or acceptable reason	According to the MOE regulations, the student will be withdrawn and considered failed

VIII. Responsibility of Parents/Guardians

Parents/guardians are responsible for:



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- Ensuring regular school attendance of their child(ren)
- Informing the school of any anticipated absences
- Providing necessary documentation for excused absences
- Collaborating with school staff in addressing attendance concerns

IX. Role of the School

The school will:

- Monitor attendance daily and maintain accurate records
- Notify parents/guardians of attendance issues promptly
- Provide support services to address chronic absenteeism
- Follow up with appropriate authorities as required by law

X. Legal Compliance

This policy complies with the Compulsory Education Law of the State of Kuwait and the attendance regulations outlined by the Ministry of Education. Failure to comply may result in legal action against the parents/guardians.

