



Gadsden Independent School District
P.O. Drawer 70
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Date: August 18, 2020

School Board Agenda Items

Title of Agenda Item: Proposed Changes To Policies

- Consent Agenda
- Action
- Discussion Items

JHB and accompanying Regulation and Exhibits

Board Meeting Date: August 27, 2020

Submitted By: Originator – Carolyn Lindau, Exec. Dir. Compliance and Spec. Instr. Programs
Department – Office of the Superintendent
Date – August 18, 2020

To Be Presented By: Carolyn Lindau

Approved By: _____ Date – _____

Background and Summary:

HB 236, referred to as the Attendance for Success Act (54th Legislature, First Session, 2019), repeals and replaces the New Mexico Compulsory School Attendance Law. The titles of Policy JHB, Regulation, and Exhibits have been altered to reflect the change from tracking only unexcused absences, known as truancy, to the requirements for tracking all chronic absences regardless of being excused or unexcused. The policy provides the directions for handling chronic and unexcused absences, how interventions are to be implemented and what will result upon a lack of success with the interventions. The Regulation indicates record-keeping requirements for all absences and what parents may request in the way of attendance data with timelines. The Exhibits include some of the interventions the district may use with absent or chronically absent students. A form letter is also included that may be used by the District to contact parents and record actions taken with a student. Detailed instructions are included for developing Attendance Improvement Plans and whole school prevention strategies.

Recommendation:



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Assigned to Board Agenda for Meeting of (Date): _____