



2014-2015 SOUTH TECH ATTENDANCE CONTRACT

Student: _____ Student # _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

SouthTech Academy Attendance Policy 5.09

- Pursuant to SouthTech Academy Policy 5.09 and Florida Statutes 1003.01, 1003.21, 1003.23 and 1003.24 all students shall be required to attend school. Florida Statute 1003.24 states that it is the responsibility of parent/guardians to ensure their children attend school on a regular basis. "Regular basis", according to statute means attending school every day including every period.
- It is SouthTech Academy and School Board Policy that the school responds in a timely manner to excused or unexcused absences.
- Pursuant to SouthTech Academy Policy 5.09, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to justify an absence within 24 hours of the student's return to school. The justification will be evaluated based on the adopted School Board definition of "excused" absences which are: 1. Student illness, 2. Medical appointment, 3. Death in the family, 4. Religious holidays or services recognized by all members of the faith, 5. Subpoena by law enforcement agency or mandatory court appearance, 6. Other individual student absences beyond the control of the parent or student, as determined and approved by the Principal or Principal's designee.
- A student can miss no more than 5 days per half credit hour course or 10 days per full credit hour course, excused or unexcused.

CONDITIONS

1. The parent/guardian and student understand that because of excessive absences, (more than 5 days per half credit course or 10 days per full credit course); the above named student is being placed on an attendance contract.
2. The parent/guardian and student understand that Florida State Law requires the above named student to attend school each day without exception, unless there is a legal excuse for being absent. (See SouthTech Academy Policy 5.09, bullet three above.)
3. The parent/guardian and student understand that more than 5 days absent per half credit course or 10 days absent per full credit course can place the student in jeopardy of not getting full credit and/or jeopardize the above named student's continued enrollment at SouthTech Academy which is contingent upon consistent attendance.
4. The parent/guardians understand that according to Florida State Statute 1003.26, the President and Governing Board of SouthTech Academy has the authority to take steps to bring **criminal prosecution** against the parent/guardians of the above named student for continued excessive unexcused absences.
5. The parent/guardian and student have read and understand the rules and procedures in the attendance section of the student handbook.

Parental Agreement

As the parent/guardian of _____ I have read and understand the above contract and agree to comply with the conditions stated therein. Upon written notification that all action plan interventions have been utilized without success, I agree to voluntarily withdraw my son/daughter from SouthTech Academy and to enroll my child into his/her boundary school.

Student signature

Date

Parent signature

Date