

## Alva Public Schools

### Activity Attendance Policy

The Alva Board of Education endorses the concept of students being in the classroom with a minimum loss of time for activities. The Board, however, recognizes that extracurricular activities, when properly planned, regulated and conducted in an appropriate environment, represent an essential part of the educational experience in the Alva Public School District.

The official policy of the Alva Board of Education shall be as follows:

- A. The maximum number of absences for activities, whether sponsored by the school or outside agency/organization, which removes any student from the classroom shall be ten for any one class period of each school year. Excluded from this number are school-sponsored contests at the district, state, and national levels. State and national contests are those for which a student must earn the right to compete.
- B. The local board of education shall appoint, at the beginning of the school year, an Internal Activities Review Committee. This committee shall be responsible for reviewing and recommending any deviation of the activities policy to the local board of education. Any deviation from the ten days absence rule shall not exceed five days.
- C. The school district shall be responsible for maintaining an addendum to the attendance records to verify the conditions within the school system that apply to regulation (A) of this subsection.

### Internal Activity Review Committee

#### Loss of School Time Procedure:

*In accordance with the policy of the board of education, the following shall govern student attendance:*

- a. School activity: These are extracurricular or co-curricular activities, whether sponsored by the school or outside agency, which removes the student from class more than 15 minutes of a class period.
- b. The total number of student activity absences allowed from any one class period, without permission from the Internal Activity Review Committee and approved by the local board of education shall be ten.
- c. A student may apply for additional days after he/she has missed seven (7) days.

*The criterion for continuing beyond the ten day absence limit shall be as follows:*

- a. A student must have a letter grade of "C" or better in the subject he/she wants to miss.

- b. The student must have an overall 3.0 grade point average with no grade lower than a “C” at the time of the request and maintains an acceptable pattern of behavior within and outside the classroom and maintains 90% attendance.
- c. Before a student is given permission to be absent beyond the ten day limit, even though he/she has a “C” or better, his/her record must show that his/her grade was not adversely affected by the previous ten days of absence and he/she has turned in all required work missed on previous days out.

*The policy of the board of education has a maximum number of five (5) additional absences to be allowed per student. There will be no deviation from this rule.*

**Activities excluded from the ten day rule are:**

- a. All activities sponsored by OSSAA elimination rounds (district, regional, area, and state playoffs). District baseball and softball must not be scheduled during the school day.
- b. All district, regional, state and national conventions with administration approval
- c. Leadership training activities approved by the administration
- d. FFA/4-H
  - i. District and State livestock shows (students must be in top 10 at local or county)
  - ii. Chapter Officers Leadership conference
  - iii. State or National FFA Convention
  - iv. District or State interscholastic contest
- e. FCCLA
  - i. One fall leadership conference
  - ii. District, Regional and State FCCLA conference
  - iii. National FCCLA Cluster meeting
  - iv. State Officer Interviews

- v. State FCCLA Convention
- f. Activities designed to promote volunteerism in our community with administration approval.
- g. Two senior days to visit colleges or universities.
- h. Miss Alva to attend and participate in the NWOSU Miss Cinderella contest.
- i. Serving as a senate or house of representative page.
- j. Field trips that are a continuation of learning in the classroom with administration approval.
- k. Music Contests: (Western Honor, Seiling Music Festival, Red Carpet, Tri-State, & All-State) with administration approval. Electrical Gold will have four days to attend competitions.
- l. Travel time will not count toward time missed.

***Students may request in writing to the Internal Activity Review Committee additional days, up to five (5). The site administrator will recommend to the committee approval or denial of request based upon criteria stated previously in this policy.***

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Legal Reference:

Cross Reference: