

Avoidable extended absences during the school year

Parents/guardians sometimes **choose** to take students out of the school for extended periods of time for the purpose of vacations, working at a place of employment, or other avoidable reasons. In these situations, **the school may not excuse these absences.**

In the majority of situations, significant absences such as these will have a negative influence upon achievement and parents/guardians shall accept responsibility for these detrimental effects. Regular class attendance is essential for maximizing achievement.

In addition to this, Sturgeon Composite High School believes that the purpose of exam week is to provide formal time for the student to maximize their achievement on their final exams. **Sturgeon Composite High School will not reschedule final exams for these avoidable extended absences.**

If an avoidable extended absence is scheduled during the school year, the administration and the various subject teachers should be informed well in advance of the event. The teachers will advise the student of what course material will be covered during the absence. It will be the responsibility of the student to obtain notes and complete assignments which occur during their absence. Students may find this information through the use of 'homework buddies', teacher moodle sites, electronic devices and other means. **Although these procedures will help the student to reduce the detrimental effect of their absence, Sturgeon Composite High School believes it will not replace the positive effects of the "classroom experience" upon their achievement.**

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