

Maryland State Department of Education Attendance Regulations Change

The MSDE has revised the rules for determining how much of the school day a student needs to be present to be recorded as 1/2 day present or full-day present. The new rule is included in the Maryland Student Records System Manual. The rule requires that a full-time student must be present for at least four hours to be marked present for a full day. A full-time student must be present at least two hours to be marked 1/2 day present. Full-time students present for less than two hours must be recorded as absent.

Principals should share this information with all classroom teachers and school attendance clerks during the week of August 24, 2009. Additionally, this information should also be shared with parents/guardians.

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