

## **Delaware Valley Cyber Academy ATTENDANCE**

In accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Compulsory School Law, all children between the ages of 8 and 17 are required to attend school. Students are expected to be present at school unless absent with parental permission. Regular attendance is in the best academic interest of the student and increases the likelihood that the student will be successful in the classroom, traditional or virtual. Students enrolled in the Delaware Valley Cyber Academy are subject to the same attendance policy as students enrolled in the traditional "brick and mortar" program.

### **TRUANCY (Act 29)**

SB 98(169) was signed into law as Act 29 of Special Sessions No. 1 of 1995 on 11/17/95 and is fully in effect. Act 29 establishes penalties for parents/guardians of children who fail to comply with the provisions of the Public School code regarding compulsory school attendance. Under Act 29, a parent/guardian who fails to comply with the provisions of the Code regarding compulsory attendance could be ordered to pay a fine not to exceed \$300 and to pay court costs, or be sentenced to complete a parenting education program offered and operated by a local school district, medical institution, or other community resource.

If a parent/guardian is not convicted of a summary offense because he or she took every reasonable step to ensure attendance of the child at school, Act 29 provides that a child who has attained the age of 13 and who fails to comply with the provisions of the Act, or who is habitually truant from school without justification, commits a summary offense, and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding \$300 or be assigned to an adjudication alternative program pursuant to 42 P.A.C.S. Sec 1520.

The failure to pay a fine or comply with the adjudication alternative program shall not constitute a delinquent act under 42 P.A.C.S. Ch. 63.

A child who has not attained the age of 13 years who fails to comply with the compulsory provisions of the Act and is habitually truant from school, **shall be referred to the County Children and Youth Services** by the school district for services or possible disposition as a dependent child under 42 P.A.C.S. Sec. 6302.

In addition, any child who has attained the age of 13 years who fails to comply with the compulsory attendance provisions of the Act and is habitually truant **may, in lieu of prosecution under other provisions of the Act, be referred to the County Children and Youth Service** by the school district for services or possible disposition as a dependent child as defined under 42 P.A.C.S. Sec. 6302.

Act 29 also provides that children convicted of the newly created summary offense related to habitual truancy **will be subject to a 90-day suspension of their driver's license and operating privileges by the Department of Transportation**. A second conviction will require a six-month suspension period.

The Act also grants state, municipal, port authority, transit authority, housing authority, and school police with the same arrest powers as attendance officers and home and school visitors with regard to the arrest or apprehension of a child who fails to attend school in compliance with the provisions of the Act.

### **CYBER ATTENDANCE**

Attendance is taken daily to ensure that students are working online. Because cyber school is a unique setting, attendance is a combination of factors including:

1. Documented time online through the online management system.
2. Meeting **minimum grade and progress** requirements for the **day and week** as prescribed by the online management system.
3. Students are to follow the school calendar to determine the number of days of attendance required per week. Attendance is required on DVSD snow days.
4. Attendance cannot be entered on Saturday, Sunday, or any school holidays or days off. If your child works on a weekend or holiday, you may use that time for a weekday.
5. Attendance will be recorded by the child and should be put in daily when the child logs in.

Students should use the guide set forth by the Pennsylvania Department of Education of 180 days of instruction with 990 instructional hours per year for 6-12 grade students and 900 for K-5 grade students. Reports are generated using the instructional software and district monitoring tools to ensure that the student is "present" and working for the minimum amount of time.

Students who are absent from online school work must submit a written excuse by the parent/guardian to the school building office within five (5) days of the absence.

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**Parent/Guardian Name**

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**Parent/Guardian Signature**

# DELAWARE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION

REVISED: 8/6/2013

### Acceptable Use of Internet, Computers and Network Resources

#### USER AGREEMENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND CONSENT FORM

##### Students

I have received, read, and understand the Acceptable Use of Internet, Computers and Network Resources Policy # 815 and will comply with them. My parent(s)/guardian(s) have also reviewed it with me. In addition, I have been given the opportunity to obtain information from the School District and my parent(s)/guardian(s) about anything I do not understand. If I have further questions, I will ask my building principal and my parents. Additionally, I understand that if I violate the Policy, other School District policies, regulations, rules, or procedures, I am subject to the School District's discipline, and could be subject to ISP and website rules, and local, state and federal rules and procedures.

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Signature \_\_\_\_\_

##### Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

As the parent/guardian of a student of the School District, I have received, read, and understand the Acceptable Use of Internet, Computers and Network Resource Policy # 815. In addition, I reviewed the Policy with my child and answered questions he or she asked. If either my child or I have further questions I will ask the building principal. I agree to have my child comply with the requirements of this Policy, other School District policies, regulations, rules, and procedures. Additionally, I understand that if he or she violates the Policy, other School District policies, regulations, rules, or procedures he or she is subject to the School District's discipline, ISP and website rules, as well as local state and federal laws and procedures.

Name of Parent \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**DVCA & DVSD**  
**Student Handbook Receipt**

Parents/guardians, please carefully read the two student handbooks with your child so that you both are aware of the procedures and rules of the Delaware Valley School District. Although your child will not attend the school building to receive instruction, they are still governed by many of the rules and regulations in the school building handbook, in addition to the rules and regulations of the Delaware Valley Cyber Academy Handbook. After you and your child have read the handbooks, both signatures are required below indicating that you both have done so. We request that you return this signed document at the orientation meeting, or to your school's main office, no later than five days after your receipt of this document.

I have read and agree to be governed by the rules, regulations and policies in the Delaware Valley Student Handbook as they apply, and in the Delaware Valley Cyber Academy Handbook.

I understand the school system reserves the right to amend the rules, regulations and/or policies for just cause and I will be notified of said changes if and when they occur.

Student Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_