

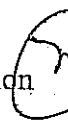


STATE OF CONNECTICUT

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION



TO: Superintendents of Schools

FROM: Mark K. McQuillan
Commissioner of Education 

DATE: January 8, 2008

SUBJECT: State Definition of Attendance

On January 2, 2008, the State Board of Education approved the following definition of attendance for public school districts:

A student is considered to be "in attendance" if present at his/her assigned school, or an activity sponsored by the school (e.g., field trip), for at least half of the regular school day. A student who is serving an out-of-school suspension or expulsion should always be considered absent.

This definition will take effect at the start of the 2008-09 school year. More information and guidance from the Department will be forthcoming.

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