



Student Services Department

# Policy 5.5: Attendance

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Rule Development Board Workshop

### June 16, 2020

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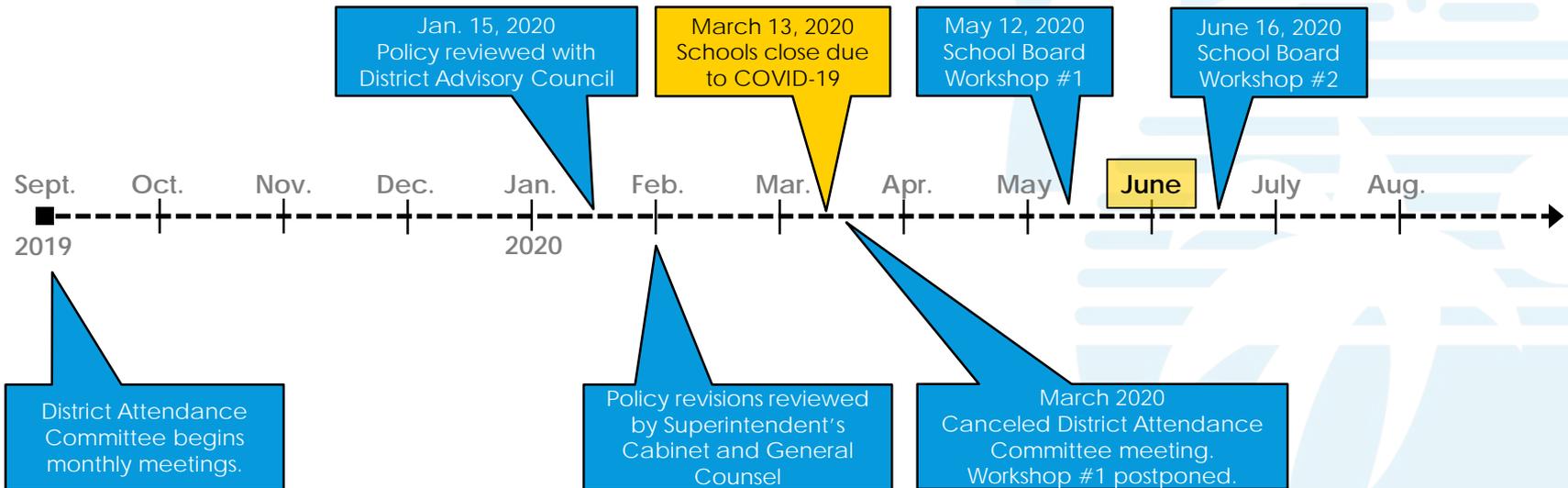
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# Timeline: Rule Development for Policy 5.5, Attendance

## Policy 5.5: Attendance

The most recent adoption of Policy 5.5 was in 2016. Rule updates by the Florida Legislature are included in the recommended language for this policy.

The Attendance Policy provides guidance to the BCPS community regarding student attendance in the brick-and-mortar setting. This policy does not encompass rules for distance learning (Policy 6744).



# Policy Review Process

- Coordinator, District Attendance reviewed policy and collected feedback from attendance clerks from all school levels (98 of 153 respondents were attendance clerks).
- District Attendance Committee reviewed policy September – October 2019.
- District leaders from Home Education and Hospital Homebound Services provided support for updated language in attendance policy related to their programs.
- Members of the District Attendance Committee include a nurse supervisor that assisted with language in Excused Absence, Illness of Student. School social workers on the committee provided guidance and direction for language regarding mental health.
- Proposed language reviewed, revised, and approved during District Attendance Committee meetings: 11/21/2019, 12/19/2019, 1/23/2020, 2/20/2020, 4/16/2020, and 5/21/2020.
- January 15, 2020, District Advisory Council (DAC) and Coordinator, District Attendance reviewed proposed changes from the District Attendance Committee. DAC provided recommendations that were reviewed by District Attendance Committee, meeting January 23, 2020.
- Presentation of changes for feedback at North Area Advisory Committee meeting at Monarch HS, March 12, 2020.
- Human Relations Committee heard overview of recommended changes at meeting that did not meet quorum on January 29, 2020.
- The first Rule Development School Board Workshop for Policy 5.5 was held virtually on May 12, 2020.



## Changes from Workshop 1 (May 12) to Workshop 2 (June 16)

In proposed Policy 5.5, staff included the following changes from recommendations at the May 12, 2020 School Board Workshop:

- Page 2 of document, Section II, paragraph B, removed “graduates or” to align language with Florida statute 1003.21(2)(c).
- Page 9 of Proposed Policy 5.5. document, paragraph f, removed prescriptive language detailing when a teacher records attendance.



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