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Saturday School

In order to foster better attendance and opportunities for improved academic performance, the Holyoke Public Schools is instituting a Saturday School.

Student Selection and Participation

- Any student who is absent without good cause from attending regular classes during the school week and is in danger of falling below the required 92% attendance rate is required to attend Saturday School.
- Any student who is tardy more than three (3) hours during any week will also be required to attend Saturday School.
- Any student who is assigned a short-term suspension will be required to serve it in Saturday School.
- Any student who serves two (2) or more days in in-house suspension for disciplinary reasons must also serve Saturday School at the end of that school week.
- Space permitting, a student wishing to attend Saturday School may do so with the approval of his/her school principal.

Saturday School Duration

- Saturday School will begin on Saturday, January 30, 2010.
- Saturday School hours will be 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.
- There will be no Saturday School during Winter and Spring Vacations or holiday weekends.

“A community working together to prepare our students for their future.”

- The last Saturday School date is scheduled to fall on Saturday, May 29, 2010.

Saturday School Program

- Students attending Saturday School will complete work prepared by their regular teachers.
- The school principal or his/her designee will insure that Math, English and Science work missed by the student during the week is prepared by their teachers and given to the Saturday School teachers.
- The Saturday School teachers will take attendance and distribute the student's work as required.
- Saturday School teachers will monitor the students and assist them as needed including tutoring students who have difficulty completing their work.
- All work completed by students will be returned to school and the students' regular teachers by Saturday program staff.
- Principals or their designees will be available to respond to the building in case a problem were to arise with the school facility or an emergency occurs.

Failure to Attend Saturday School

Students who are required to attend Saturday School will do so with the full knowledge and agreement of their parent(s)/guardian(s).

Parents will be notified and must agree to have their children on site at the appropriate time and to pick them up at the end of the session if they are too young to go by themselves.

Students that fail to show up will have to make the time up during the succeeding Saturdays.
Failure to make up the lost days will result in the students not being promoted to the next grade or graduating regardless of grade point average.

General Provisions

Four (4) fully certified and qualified teachers will be assigned to each school site operating a Saturday School, based on need.