



**State Board of Education Resolution
To Approve Regulations Pertaining to Attendance Collection for the 2020-21 School Year
SR 20-14**

WHEREAS, D.C. Code §38-201, *et. seq.* governs the collection and reporting of student attendance records in the District of Columbia thus making attendance compulsory for children 5 to 18 and requires the daily collection of attendance with accompanying regulations in DCMR 5-A § 2101, *et. seq.*

WHEREAS, the District’s response to the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) has required schools to comply with social distancing protocols and necessitated the offering of in-person and/or distance learning;

WHEREAS, the existing regulations governing the collection and reporting of student attendance did not contemplate distance learning;

WHEREAS, OSSE published guidance and a subsequent emergency and proposed rulemaking that required schools to report daily attendance using in-person and remote attendance types, that allowed in-person attendance to be marked without consideration for the proportion of the school day the student attends, and that presence in distance learning use a standard that requires the student to meet an LEA’s policy for authentication of the student’s identity and meeting a standard for engagement;

WHEREAS, the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) engaged stakeholders including local education agencies, The Every Day Counts! Taskforce, advocates, government agencies including the DC Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) and the Office of the Attorney General (OAG), and the State Board of Education (SBOE) on guidance for collecting and reporting attendance for distance learning;

WHEREAS, OSSE published an emergency rulemaking which was adopted on August 27, 2020 and became effective on that date and stays in effect for up to one hundred twenty (120) days after the date of adoption, expiring on December 25, 2020 or upon earlier amendment or repeal by OSSE or publication of a final rulemaking in the D.C. Register whichever comes first; and,

WHEREAS, OSSE promulgated a proposed rulemaking published in the DC Register on October 9, 2020 for public comment until November 9, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education approves the final rulemaking on the collection and reporting of attendance for the 2020-21 school year.

Date Adopted: December 16, 2020



