

Leda Education Support Centre Attendance Policy

RATIONALE

Leda Education Support Centre is characterised by a commitment to improve student outcomes, and, as such, we believe that it is important that students attend school on a regular basis, to gain maximum educational benefits and to optimise life opportunities. When attendance rates fall we feel that a child may be at risk of not reaching their full potential.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION OR AUTHORITY

School Education Act 1999 (WA)

School Education Regulations 2000 (WA)

Public Sector Management Act 1994 (WA)

Parental Support and Responsibility Act 2008 (WA)

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

Parents are required by the School Education Act 1999 to ensure that their child(ren) attend(s) school every day that the school is open for instruction.

Principals are responsible for monitoring and accurately recording the attendance of every student at their school in accordance with section 28 of the School Education Act 1999.

If a child is absent, then a parent/caregiver must notify the principal of the reason for the student's absence as soon as practical. If a student is prevented from attending school due to illness, the principal is authorised by the School Education Act 1999 to request a medical certificate from a registered medical practitioner.

TARGET

Our school will achieve an average attendance rate equal to or greater than the state average.

STRATEGIES

- 90% Attendance – Pizza with the Principal;
- Daily stickers awarded to every child for attendance – weekly activities for 100% attendance (eg. Use of musical instruments, free play on equipment, movie & popcorn, etc.);
- Whole Centre rewards – raffle & weekly prizes;
- In class Dojo points;
- Regular Newsletter reminders that attendance is a priority;
- Positive collaborative relationships between school and home;
- Breakfast Program;
- School Bus Services;
- Individual motivational reward system implemented at class level;
- Parent liaison role;
- Attendance Panel referrals;
- Home visits.