



## **Canyon Rim Academy Attendance Policy**

### **Purpose**

Canyon Rim Academy is committed to providing a quality education for every student. Parents and guardians are expected to take a proactive role in ensuring that their children attend school. The following policy meets these purposes and follows Utah's compulsory attendance laws, Utah Code Ann. § 53A-11-101.5.

### **Definitions**

1. "Valid excuse" or "excused absence" means an absence resulting from:
  - a) an illness;
  - b) a death of a family member or close friend;
  - c) a documented medical appointment;
  - d) a family emergency;
  - e) an approved school activity;
  - f) a preapproved family activity or travel, consistent with school policy; or
  - g) an absence permitted by an individualized education program or accommodation plan, developed pursuant to relevant law.

The Principal has the discretion to consider other absences as "valid excuses."

2. "Truant" means absent without a valid excuse.

### **Notice of Compulsory Education Violation**

The school may issue a "notice of compulsory education violation" to a parent or guardian of a student who is under the age of fourteen if the student is truant at least five times during the school year.

This notice shall:

1. Direct the parent or guardian to meet with school authorities to discuss the student's attendance problem and cooperate with the Principal and Board of Trustees to secure regular attendance by the student;
2. Designate the school authorities with whom the parent is required to meet;

3. State that it is a class B misdemeanor for the student's parent or guardian to intentionally or recklessly fail to meet with the designated school authorities to discuss the student's attendance problems, or fail to prevent the student from being truant an additional five more times during the remainder of the school year; and

4. Be served on the parent or guardian by personal service of certified mail.