

## **ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION ACADEMY STUDENT ENGAGEMENT POLICY**

In order for students in an online school to be successful it is necessary for them to be continuously engaged in the education process. Regular completion of diagnostic assessments is essential for the promotion of student development and instrumental to the development and implementation of targeted instructional techniques. Moreover, regular live class participation allows instructional staff additional insight into student development and affords students another opportunity to ask questions and demonstrate academic growth. To that end, the Board of Directors has adopted this Student Engagement Policy, effective February 1, 2017, and directs its operator to implement the policy.

### **DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENTS**

Periodically, throughout the school year, the School implements NWEA MAP or other diagnostic assessments to ascertain student ability and development and to target instruction. Students shall be given the opportunity to complete such assessments within a reasonable amount of time which is consistent with the purpose for administering the assessment. Students are required to complete all diagnostic assessments. Students that fail, without legitimate excuse, to complete any diagnostic assessment within the time prescribed by the School shall be expelled for a period of 15 school days.

### **STATE MANDATED TESTING**

Any student who fails, without legitimate excuse, to participate in state mandated testing shall be expelled for a period of 80 school days. If there are fewer than 80 days remaining in the school year, the expulsion shall extend into the following school year. Parents and students are notified in advance of the schedule and location of required testing. Although, the School undertakes to make testing facilities easily accessible to parents/students, it is the parent/student's obligation to provide transportation to testing facilities and a failure to attend required testing will not be excused for transportation reasons except in extreme circumstances.

### **FOLLOW THROUGH AND EFFECT OF EXPULSION**

Ohio law requires the Principal to follow through with expulsion proceedings when a student has committed an act warranting expulsion under the School's policies even if the student withdraws from school prior to the hearing on the decision to impose the expulsion. OHDELA is required to provide notice of the reasons for and the duration of any expulsion to the next school that such a student seeks to enroll in.

When a student is expelled from school pursuant to this policy, the School shall cease to provide learning opportunities to the student and the student shall be considered withdrawn as of the effective date of the expulsion.