



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Office of the Chief Operating Officer

VIA EMAIL AND REGULAR MAIL

April 20, 2020

[REDACTED]

RE: Letter of Response for Grievance #2919 filed on March 12, 2019

Dear [REDACTED]

In accordance with Chapter 24 Subtitle 5-B, Section 2405 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, DC Public Schools (DCPS) Comprehensive Alternative Resolution and Equity team has completed its investigation of the above referenced written grievance.

Grievance Issues

Based on a review of the information provided, the written grievance raised the following issues under the jurisdiction of this office:

1. **24 DCMR Subtitle 5-B, Section 2405.2 (f):** Any other violation of a right granted by law that does not have a specific grievance procedure or hearing process provided in this title. You allege Student [REDACTED] attendance record at [REDACTED] is inaccurate. You report Student [REDACTED] goes to school every day, however, Student [REDACTED] has been marked absent several days in individual classes.

Review Procedure

The review included interviews with the following individuals:

DCPS CARE attempted to contact you via phone on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and via email on [REDACTED] for additional information regarding this grievance. DCPS CARE was unable to contact you.

The review also included review of the following documents which were either submitted by the complainant, submitted by the school, or accessible via DCPS data systems:

1. Aspen: DCPS database for student attendance

General Findings of Fact

1. According to Aspen attendance records, prior to [REDACTED] Student [REDACTED] was marked absent 69 times during his Graded Advisory class.
2. According to Aspen attendance records, prior to [REDACTED], Student [REDACTED] was marked absent 32 times during his Reading Workshop class.

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3. According to Aspen attendance records, prior to [REDACTED], Student [REDACTED] was marked absent 14 times during his Middle Grades Math Support class.
 4. According to Aspen attendance records, prior to [REDACTED], Student [REDACTED] was marked absent 16 times during his 7th Grade Math class.
 5. According to Aspen attendance records, prior to [REDACTED], Student [REDACTED] was marked absent 19 times during his World History & Geography class.
 6. According to Aspen attendance records, prior to [REDACTED], Student [REDACTED] was marked absent 20 times during his Science 7 class.
 7. According to Aspen attendance records, prior to [REDACTED], Student [REDACTED] was marked absent 23 times during his English 7 class.
 8. According to Aspen attendance records, prior to [REDACTED], Student [REDACTED] was marked absent 7 times during his Health & Physical Education class.

Discussion/Conclusion

As a result of this review, DCPS has found the following:

1. DCPS CARE is unable to issue a finding regarding **5-B DCMR 2405.2 (c)**. DCPS CARE attempted to contact you for an interview regarding the allegations raised in this grievance. Specifically, DCPS CARE sought additional information regarding Student [REDACTED] daily attendance. Despite multiple attempts, DCPS CARE was unable to contact you. As a result of this lack of evidence, DCPS CARE is unable to issue a finding on whether or not your student was subjected to an arbitrary or unreasonable regulation, procedure, or standard of conduct.

However, in order to support your student and ensure your concerns are addressed, DCPS will take the following actions by the dates established below:

1. [REDACTED] will develop an attendance plan for Student [REDACTED]

As the complainant, if you are not satisfied with the outcome, you have the right to file an appeal. Appeals must be submitted in writing and received within 10 calendar days of receipt of this notice. Please submit appeal requests to the Office of Integrity via U.S. Postal Mail to 1200 First St., NE, 11th Floor; Attn: CIO or via email at dcps.cio@k12.dc.gov. You may also contact the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (1-800-421-3481) to report any educational discrimination.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at dcps.care@k12.dc.gov or 202.442.5405.

Sincerely,



Anitra Allen-King, Director CARE

Cc: Principal
Instructional Superintendent