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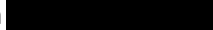


RE: Letter of Response for Grievance #3724 filed on March 10, 2020

Dear 



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 (CARE) team has completed its investigation of the above referenced written grievance.

Grievance Issues

1. **24 DCMR Subtitle 5-B, Section 2405.2 (c)**- Where it is alleged that any student or group of students is being subjected to an arbitrary or unreasonable regulation, procedure, or standard of conduct. You raise concerns that Student  was incorrectly marked absent when he attended a school field trip on 

Review Procedure





The review included interviews with the following individuals:

1.  Grievant, Parent of Student 
2.  DCPS Attendance Specialist

The investigation 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
2. DCPS Attendance and Truancy Policy

General Findings of Fact

1. On , Student  was recorded as "Absent from Class-School Activity" during his third, fifth, and seventh period classes.
2. There is no Daily Absence recorded on  for Student 

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3. The DCPS Attendance and Truancy Policy states that “Students participating in DCPS-sponsored events, field trips, or study abroad travel during the regular school day are considered present.”
 4. According to DCPS Attendance Specialist [REDACTED], students attending field trips should be recorded as “Excused for School Activity” for all class absences, however, this is not recorded as a daily absence and does not negatively affect a student’s overall attendance.

Discussion/Conclusion

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

1. DCPS finds that **24 DCMR Subtitle 5-B, Section 2405.2 (c)** is unsubstantiated. Student [REDACTED] was recorded as “Absent from Class-School Activity” during his third, fifth, and seventh period classes on [REDACTED] however, the absence was not recorded at the “daily” level and Student [REDACTED] was considered present for the day.

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, 10th 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