

## Grade Reduction/Credit Denial

Grade reduction or credit denial determinations may include student attendance. Student attendance may not be a sole criterion. However, if attendance is a factor, **prior** to a grade reduction or credit denial, the following shall occur:

1. The teacher will identify how the attendance and class participation is related to the instructional goals of the subject or course;
2. Parents and students will be informed;
3. Procedures in due process are available to the student when the grade is reduced or credit denied for attendance rather than academic reasons;
4. Reasons for nonattendance are considered and the grade is not reduced or credit denied based upon absences due to:
  - a. Religious reasons;
  - b. A student's disability; or
  - c. An excused absence, as determined by the district's policy.
5. If attendance is used in determining a student's grade or issuance of credit, the following will apply:
  - a. The teacher identifies how the student's attendance and participation in class is related to the instructional goals of the particular subject or course and gives notice to the student and parents or guardian of the student;
  - b. Procedures are in effect to ensure due process when the grade is reduced or credit denied for attendance rather than academic reasons;
  - c. The reasons for nonattendance are considered and the grade is not reduced or credit is not denied based on absences due to:
    - (1) Religion;
    - (2) Disability; or
    - (3) An excused absence is determined by district policy.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 339.260](#)

[ORS 339.280](#)