MAKE-UP OPPORTUNITIES

The Superintendent shall develop and implement standards that shall apply to requirements for student make up assignments during because of absence for appropriate reasons. Among those reasons are parent or doctor authorized medical absences, pregnancy, care for a child under 13, religious instruction, tribal obligations, injury, becausement of a family member, other family emergencies, and observance of major religious holidays of the family's faith.

<u>School administrators are authorized to excuse students from school for necessary and justifiable reasons as determined from the circumstances surrounding the cause of the absence.</u>

It is the foremost goal of the Gadsden Independent School District that every student be in attendance every day of the school year. However, when a student is absent, in spite of all the preventative and proactive measures taken to support each student's attendance and regardless of whether the absence was excused or unexcused, the student will be allowed and encouraged to make up missed work within a reasonable time. A reasonable time is defined as twice the number of school days the student was absent. School administrators or the school Attendance Team are authorized, on a case-by-case basis, to consider extenuating circumstances and adjust the allowable time or other conditions for making up missed work.

Parents and students are reminded of the many negative consequences of excessive absenteeism which may include but are not limited to referral to juvenile probation services or the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department.

Adopted: date of manual adoption

LEGAL REF.: 22-12A-9 NMSA

CROSS REF.: EBAA - Reporting of Hazards/Warning Systems

<u>IHBCA – Programs for Pregnant/Parenting Students</u>

JH – Student Absences and Excuses