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**Background/Purpose:**

A concern has arisen regarding the increasing number of Aurora students who miss extended periods of time from school for family/personal trips or holidays. When this happens, students miss valuable curriculum that can't be made up.

**Policy Statement:**

Aurora School is unique, and serious about providing a structured academic program. Academic success is directly impacted by attendance, and therefore, any activity which inhibits a student's ability to attend class inhibits their ability to learn. The first priority of the school is education and, as such, the school cannot support extended absences. If families choose to take an extended absence, parents must accept that there is an academic cost involved with missed curriculum and school time. By the end of the year, parents should reasonably expect that student marks will be affected due to the loss of school time.

**Accountability:**

*Monitored on a five year cycle as part of the Board of Directors annual work plan.*

**References**

*AR 6170 Extended Absences*