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In accordance with T.C.A. § 49-6-3115, rising fourth-grade students who are required/eligible for learning loss bridge camp are required to maintain a 90% attendance rate for promotion.

However, as noted in Tennessee Department of Education guidance documents, the law does not prevent Local Education Agencies (LEA) and public charter schools from developing local board policies to provide opportunities for students to make up camp days missed if the days made up are properly documented.

Knox County students who are required/eligible to attend learning loss bridge camp in order to meet promotion criteria must maintain a 90% attendance rate. Students who miss more than 10% of summer learning loss bridge camp may make up a total of two (2) missed camp days in the following manner as determined by parents and school staff in order to reach a 90% attendance rate:

- Students may make up two (2) missed days by attending summer learning loss bridge camp make-up sessions when available and by providing parent excuses or doctor excuses for days absent. The make-up days will be full-day sessions that mirror the structure of the learning loss bridge camp and will take place on the two (2) days immediately following the completion of the regularly scheduled camp.

Students missing more than three (3) days of learning loss bridge camps, will not be eligible to make up all of the required camp time and will be subject to retention due to the required attendance rate.

Students who miss more than three (3) days due to extenuating circumstances (i.e., health or accident related) and upon presentation of sufficient supporting documentation, will have their absences reviewed by the Executive Director of Learning and Literacy to determine if additional make-up opportunities are warranted.

Attendance, including make-up attendance, will be documented as part of the student record in the local student information system and will adhere to attendance documentation requirements provided by the Tennessee Department of Education.

Knox County Schools will inform parents of students required/eligible to attend the learning loss bridge camp of the district’s summer school attendance policy upon confirmation of camp enrollment via written or electronic notification. Additionally, parents of students required to attend the learning loss bridge camp will be required to certify their understanding of the attendance policy by signing a promotion plan agreement.

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Legal References:

- T.C.A. § 49-6-3115.
- Tennessee Department of Education Third Grade Promotion FAQs.

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