16 NCAC 06E .0106 is proposed for adoption under temporary procedures as follows:

16 NCAC 06E .0106  DEFINITION OF STUDENT CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM RATE

(a) Student chronic absence is a risk factor for adverse outcomes. Student chronic absence differs from both truancy and average daily attendance. Student daily attendance is the percentage of students present in a school each day. Student truancy measures unexcused absences only. Student chronic absence refers to missing so much school, for any type of absence – excused, unexcused, disciplinary – that a student is at risk of falling behind.

(b) To track rates of student chronic absenteeism accurately and consistently for North Carolina students, the following definition is established:

(1) “Student Chronic Absentee” is a student who is enrolled in a North Carolina public school for at least 10 school days at any time during the school year, and whose total number of absences is equal to or greater than 10 percent of the total number of days that such student has been enrolled at such school during such school year;

(c) This definition applies to all students enrolled in a school, including those who have not reached the compulsory attendance age, as well as those who have reached or exceeded the compulsory attendance age.

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