

# ATTENDANCE AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR PARTICIPATION

What is our objective as a body of learning? At BCA, we value each student as an individual and as part of a community; we develop all aspects of their personhood with excellence, according to God's highest purpose for their "heart, soul, and mind."

## THE RATIONALE

### Keeping your seat warm

Educational studies consistently show a link between regular student attendance and the achievement of learning outcomes; kids who are in class generally do better.

### Tough Love and Godly Grace

We recognize that we are training students who are in the process of learning, so we seek to extend to them godly grace; we also value cultivating within them a set of skills and attitudes that will nurture them towards maturity—hence the tough love.

"Love the Lord your God with all your mind...":

As a community of learners, we challenge all students to develop an attitude of excellence towards their studies to prepare them to be lifelong learners in their sphere of influence.

We care about the development of students' attitudes towards their work and their colleagues, not just their performance. Attending classes and being prepared to work diligently is important, as is arriving punctually.

## THE POLICY

Excused absences due to illness: In order to promote both care and accountability related to our students' health and well-being, students who miss either the afternoon of classes or three classes throughout the day due to illness will neither be expected nor permitted to participate in their regularly scheduled extracurricular activities for that day.

Unexcused absences: In order to promote academic accountability related to our students' class attendance, students who accrue an unexcused absence in a class will understand that attending the make-up after-school tutorial session will take precedence over attending all other extracurricular activities.