

CONVENTION ATTENDANCE

All teachers shall attend their assigned convention

Sanctioned reasons for not attending convention

Collective Agreement

Teachers apply to superintendent or designate as required by collective agreement or board policy

- medical leave
- bereavement leave
- illness
- personal leave
- other requests specific to the collective agreement or board policy

Convention Attendance Committee

Teachers apply to Convention Attendance Committee according to convention procedure six weeks prior to convention

Convention Attendance Committee will not approve the following

- travel for supervision of school field trips
- personal travel
- business, school and district meetings during convention
- officiating sports competitions in any capacity
- coaching sports/tournaments
- professional reading
- colleague discussions
- university courses
- voluntary participation in other activities
- school board-facilitated activities (eg, job fairs)
- school visitations
- individual course unit planning
- diploma examination marking

Convention Attendance Committee may approve such applications only if the following criteria are met

ASAA Criteria

- teacher coaches from NETCA involved with teams reaching the rural wrestling finals
- teacher coaches from GETCA involved with teams reaching the provincial wrestling finals

Alternate Professional Development Criteria

- an organized professional development activity that exceeds those provided at convention
- an extraordinary professional development opportunity that could not be accessed at another time
- a relevant professional development session not included in the convention program that will enhance professional practice

Convention Attendance Committee will render a decision

Convention Attendance Committee will inform applicant of the decision and provide rationale

Applicant may appeal the decision to the Convention Board Appeal Committee

Decision of the Convention Board Appeal Committee is final