Billings School District 2

STUDENTS

Part-Time Attendance

Part-Time Student Enrollment

Montana law provides that properly enrolled students must attend school unless the child is excused from attending, as provided specifically in law. Enrollment in a nonpublic or home school that complies with the provisions of Montana law 20-5-109 excuses the child and his/her parent/guardian from the compulsory enrollment and attendance requirements.

From time to time, however, students enrolled in private schools in the Billings Public School District including registered home school students may seek to enroll and be approved for enrollment on a part time basis in Billings Public Schools.

Part-time student enrollment will be accommodated by Billings Public Schools within the following limitations:

1. Placement: The location of the services provided will be at the discretion of the district pursuant to district policy. Students may be placed in grade levels and/or in courses at the discretion of the district based on assessment results.

2. Attendance: Upon enrollment as a part time student with this district, the student will comply with the compulsory attendance provisions of the law for the time he/she is scheduled to be in class in the district. Students found in non-compliance with the attendance/enrollment rules for the time scheduled to be in class in the district will be considered truant.

3. Discipline: The parent/guardian understands and agrees that the child will be subject to Montana law and the discipline policies and procedures of Billings Public Schools as prescribed by law. Students determined to be in violation under these provisions may be suspended or expelled as allowed in the law.

4. Transportation: Transportation services will be provided by the parent/guardian pursuant to Montana law and district policies

5. FAPE (Free Appropriate Public Education) and Special Education (IDEA) Services: Enrollment is afforded in compliance with these guidelines:

Participation of Private School Children with Disabilities in Idea-Funded Special Education and
Related Services

- The IDEA provides for the participation of private school children with disabilities in IDEA-funded special education and related services.
- The funding for such services is based on the number of eligible children with disabilities attending private elementary and secondary schools within the boundaries of the public school district in which the private school is located.
- Decisions regarding the services to be provided, including which children will receive services, the type and location of such services, and how the services will be provided, are made by the public school district after consultation with representatives of private schools within the public school district’s boundaries.
- If a child’s needs fall within the type of services to be provided to private schools, the public school district will make those services available.
- No private school child with a disability has an individual right to receive some or all of the special education and related services that the child would receive if enrolled in the public school.

(See form Offer of a FAPE to Parentally Place Child with Disabilities in a Private School, OPI, September, 2005)

Implementing Policy 3150 Part-Time Attendance

Cross References: Policy 6430 Development of Administrative Procedures
Policy 2161 Special Education
Procedure 2161-P1 Special Education Procedure
Policy 2413 Placement of Students from Non-accredited, Nonpublic Schools
Procedure 2413-P1 Unaccredited Schools and Alternative Education Placement Procedure
Policy 3120 Attendance Policy
Procedure 3120-P1 Compulsory Attendance Procedure
Procedure 3120-P2 Student Attendance Procedure
Policy 3250 Student Discipline
Procedure 3250-P1 Hazing Guidelines
Procedure 3250-P2 Student Responsibilities
Procedure 3250-P3 Student Drug Abuse
Procedure 3250-P4 Tobacco Free Buildings
Procedure 3250-P5 Gun-Free Schools
Procedure 3250-P6 Detention
Procedure 3250-P7 Infractions and Range of Disciplinary Actions
Policy 3300 Suspension and Expulsion
Procedure 3300-P1 Suspension and Expulsion Procedure
Procedure 3300-P2 Discipline for Special Education Students (SPED)
Procedure 3300-P3 Discipline for 504 Students
Policy 8100 Transportation
Legal References:

§ 20-5-109, MCA  Nonpublic school requirement for compulsory
Enrollment exemption

§ 20-5-110, MCA  School district assessment for placement of a child
who enrolls from a non-accredited, nonpublic
school

§ 20-5-102, MCA  Compulsory enrollment and excuses

§ 20-5-103, MCA  Compulsory attendance and excuses

§ 20-5-106, MCA  Truancy

§ 20-5-201, MCA  Duties and sanctions

§ 20-5-202, MCA  Suspension and expulsion

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