

### **COMPULSORY STUDENT ATTENDANCE**

430-Rule (3)

Students are required to attend school regularly during the full period and hours that school is in session from 6 to 18 years of age, or if they are enrolled in five-year old kindergarten. No student shall be admitted to the first grade unless he/she has completed five-year old kindergarten or has been approved for admission by the Board without completing five-year old kindergarten. A student may withdraw from school at the end of the school term, quarter or semester that the student becomes 18 years of age. A student may also be excused from school attendance under the following conditions:

- 1) Any student who is sixteen (16) years of age may be excused from regular school attendance by the Board upon the student's request and with the written approval of the student's parent/guardian if the student and his/her parent or guardian agree, in writing, that the student will participate in a program or curriculum modification leading to the student's high school graduation. Program or curriculum modifications for purposes of this requirement include the following:
  - a) Modification within the student's current academic program;
  - b) A school work training or work study program;
  - c) Enrollment in any alternative public school or program located in the school district in which the student resides;
  - d) Enrollment in any nonsectarian private school or program located in the school district in which the child resides which complies with the requirements of 42 USC 2000d (Title VI of the Civil Rights Act - nondiscrimination on basis of race, color or national origin). Enrollment in such school or program shall be pursuant to a contractual agreement which provides for the payment of the child's tuition by the school district;
  - e) Home-bound study, including nonsectarian correspondence courses or other courses of study approved by the school board or nonsectarian tutoring provided by the school in which the child is enrolled; or
  - f) Enrollment in any public educational program outside the school district in which the child resides. Enrollment of a child in such program may be pursuant to a contractual agreement between school districts.
  - g) Children at risk of not graduating may attend a technical college in lieu of high school or on a part-time basis. Parent/guardian must agree in writing that program is leading to high school graduation.
  
- 2) Any student who is seventeen (17) years of age or over may be excused from regular school attendance by the Board upon the student's request and with the written approval of the student's parent/guardian if the student and his/her parent/guardian agree, in writing, that the student will participate in a program or curriculum modification leading

to the student's high school graduation or leading to a high school equivalency diploma. (Program or curriculum modifications include those outlined above).

- 3) This includes a child who began a high school equivalency program in a secured correctional facility or a secured child caring institution, a secure detention facility or a juvenile portion of a county jail.

A written agreement is required between the child, his/her parent or guardian, the Board, and a representative of the high school equivalency program or program leading to the student's high school graduation prior to a student's admission to such program(s). The agreement must state the services to be provided, the time period needed to complete the high school equivalency program or program leading to a high school graduation and how the performance of the student will be monitored.

The Board or designee is responsible for monitoring the written agreement on a regular basis. In no case, however, can the agreement be monitored less frequently than once per semester. If the Board or designee determines that a student is not complying with the agreement, the school or designee is expected to notify the student, his/her parent or guardian and the high school equivalency program or program leading to high school graduation that the agreement may be modified or suspended in thirty (30) days.

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118.16

Cross Ref.: 435, Student Dismissal Precautions  
491, Non-custodial Parent Rights  
882, Relations with Police Authorities

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