

## **STUDENT WITHDRAWAL FROM SCHOOL/DROPOUTS**

The Board of Education recognizes and promotes the importance of obtaining a high school diploma, as a diploma assists students to lead healthy and productive lives after graduation. Those youth who withdraw from school and prepare to face life with less than a high school education will have a much more difficult time entering the workforce or pursuing other goals. Therefore, the Board strongly urges all staff members, parents and citizens to exert all the influence which he/she can command to keep students in school through high school graduation.

Principals, teachers and guidance counselors are encouraged to make dropout prevention a priority through personal contacts with students and specialized programs. The goal is to enable those students who are considering dropping out of school to remain and those who have dropped out to return and resume their programs with a minimum degree of disruption.

To emphasize the importance of a high school diploma and to encourage students to reconsider their decision to withdraw from school, the district shall notify the student's parent/guardian in writing, when the district has knowledge that a student has dropped out of high school. For purposes of this policy, "dropout" shall mean any student included in the district's "student dropout rate," as defined by the rules of the State Board of Education.

Adopted February 20, 2008

Revised September 18, 2013

Legal refs.: C.R.S. 22-2-114.1 (dropout rate reporting)  
C.R.S. 22-14-108 (written notice of dropout status)  
C.R.S. 22-32-118.5 (intervention strategies for students in grades 6-9 at risk of dropping out)  
C.R.S. 22-33-104 (compulsory school attendance)  
C.R.S. 22-33-203 and 204 (services for expelled and at-risk students)  
C.R.S. 22-35-109.5 (dropout recovery programs)  
1 CCR 301-1, Rule 13.01 (definition of "student dropout rate")

Cross refs.: IHBC, Student Assistance Programs  
IHBH, Alternative Educational Programs  
IJNDAB\*, On-line Instruction  
IKF, Graduation Requirements  
JEA, Compulsory Attendance Ages  
JH/JHA/JHB and JH/JHA/JHB-R, Student Absences and Excuses  
JKF\*, Educational Alternatives for Expelled Students  
JKG\*, Expulsion Prevention for At-Risk Students  
KB, Family-School Partnership in Education