

STUDENTS

Early Withdrawal

Students age 15 or older identified as potential dropouts shall become a focus of attention.

Reasonable efforts shall be made to persuade the student to remain in school and complete requirements for a diploma. If unsuccessful at that, school personnel shall attempt to find placement in an appropriate alternative educational setting. Failing that, the principal shall determine if there is sufficient ground to excuse the student from continued compulsory attendance. If there is, the principal shall recommend to the superintendent that the student be excused from further school attendance.

If the child is not enrolled in an approved private school receiving home-based instruction, or excused because the child is physically or mentally unable to attend school, the superintendent, before excusing the child from school, shall:

1. determine if the child has attained a reasonable proficiency in the branches required by law;
2. the child is regularly and lawfully engaged in a useful or remunerative occupation; and/or
3. the child has received a certificate of educational competence.

Legal Reference: [RCW 28A.225.010](#)

Attendance Mandatory--Age--
Persons Having Custody Shall Cause
Child to Attend Public School--Child
Responsible for Attending School--
Exceptions--Excused Temporary
Absences

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