

## STUDENTS

### Withdrawal Prior to Graduation

Students aged 16 or older identified as potential dropouts shall become a focus of attention in the following manner:

- A. The student and school counselor will meet for the purpose of discussing the reason for desiring to withdraw from school and the student's plans for the future, including the educational, counseling and related services which are available within the school and/or community.
- B. The counselor, the student's teachers, and principal will meet to discuss the student's present status and to identify program modifications and/or options that will meet the student's present and future needs.
- C. The student, parent or guardian, counselor and principal will review all pertinent information and the options that are available to the student rents with parents, counselor, and principal.

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

No student under the age of 18 will be permitted to withdraw unless the student is lawfully and regularly employed and either a parent agrees that the student should not be required to attend school, or the student has been emancipated in accordance with [Chapter 13.64 RCW](#). No student under the age of 16 will be permitted to withdraw from further school attendance unless another exception to compulsory attendance has been met.

The superintendent will provide to the Board an annual early withdrawal report, which outlines the age and grade level for each student, the reason(s) for leaving and any follow-up data that has been collected after the student has withdrawn.

Legal Reference:      RCW [28A.225.010](#) Attendance Mandatory – Age – Exceptions.  
                              RCW [28A.225.020](#) School's duties upon child's failure to attend school.

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