

**ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES OF THE  
MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY 8.16  
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: EXCLUSIONS AND EXEMPTIONS**

Under the compulsory attendance laws of the State of Wisconsin, school attendance becomes an obligation; however, by virtue of existing statutes, certain students may be exempted from school attendance for good cause such as physical, mental, or disciplinary problems. When such problems prevent a child from attending school, excuses from compulsory attendance may be granted in accordance with the following:

**(1) MEDICAL EXCLUSION**

Based on the recommendation of a physician in general practice, with the concurrence of the Milwaukee Health Department, a student may be granted a medical exclusion and excused from school attendance by the superintendent.

**(2) PART-TIME OR LIMITED ATTENDANCE**

Students may be granted permission by the superintendent to attend school on a part-time or limited basis for medical reasons, based on the recommendation of a physician in general practice and agreed to by the Milwaukee Health Department.

**(3) PARENTAL AGREEMENT**

Upon the child's request and with the written approval of the child's parent or guardian, any child who is 16 years or older may be excused by the Board from regular school attendance if the child and his/her parent or guardian agree, in writing, that the child shall participate in a program or curriculum modification leading to the child's high school graduation.

**(4) EXCLUSION**

While school attendance may be temporarily denied to individuals by administrative action, a student may be excluded from school attendance only by the Board acting upon the recommendation of the superintendent.

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