

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

The Board of Education recognizes the positive relationship between regular school attendance and college and career readiness. If student learning and growth are to take place, parents/guardians, students, and school personnel, must recognize their responsibilities to assure regular attendance.

The Board, in recognition of the statutory requirements for school attendance believes school attendance should take precedence over non-school activities. State law requires every student enrolled in 5 year old kindergarten and between six and 18 years of age to be in school attendance unless he/she:

1. Is excused temporarily for physical or mental reasons, or other reasons defined by the Board
2. Has graduated
3. Has been authorized to attend an alternative educational program
4. Has been excused by his/her parent/guardian prior to an absence in accordance with state law.

It is the responsibility of any person having under his/her control such a student to ensure regular attendance during the full period and hours that school is in session until the end of the quarter of the school year in which the student becomes 18 years of age. Adult students over the age of 18 are also expected to be in regular attendance.

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to notify the school of student absences in accordance with established District procedures. When students are absent from school, parents/guardians assume full responsibility for their activities. It is the responsibility of the principal or designee to determine whether the absence is acceptable (excused) or not acceptable (truant).

LEGAL REF.: Sections 118.15 Wisconsin Statutes  
118.153  
118.16  
118.162  
118.165

CROSS REF.: 431-Rule, Student Attendance Procedures  
430, Attendance Philosophy  
432, School Attendance Areas  
Milwaukee County Truancy Plan

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