

The Board of Education encourages a strong partnership between the home, school and community. It recognizes a positive relationship between good school attendance and success in school and employment. 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 and the overwhelming public need for an educated society, believes school attendance should take precedence over non-school activities. State law requires every child between six and 18 years of age to be in school attendance unless he/she:

- (1) is excused temporarily for physical or mental reasons. An excuse under this reason shall not exceed 30 days.
- (2) has graduated;
- (3) has been authorized to attend an alternative educational program; or
- (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 child to ensure regular attendance during the full period and hours that school is in session until the end of the quarter or semester of the school year in which the child becomes 18 years of age.

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 or not acceptable.

*LEGAL REF.: Section 118.15 Wisconsin Statutes
118.153
118.16
118.162
118.165*

*CROSS REF.: 431-Rule, Student Attendance Guidelines
347-Rule, Guidelines for the Maintenance and Confidentiality of Student Records*

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