

COMPULSORY STUDENT ATTENDANCE & ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS

The Evansville Community School District Board of Education, in accordance with state law, recognizes all children between six (6) and eighteen (18) years of age must attend school full time until the end of the term, quarter or semester in which they become eighteen years of age, or unless they have a legal excuse, fall under one of the exceptions outlined in the state statutes, or have graduated from high school. Students enrolled in five (5)-year old kindergarten in the District shall also be expected to attend school regularly during the full period and hours that kindergarten is in session during the school year.

The Board recognizes that some students are best served through varied educational delivery systems and programs. Therefore the Board, through its designee, may excuse a student who is sixteen (16) years of age or older from regular school attendance in favor of a program or curriculum modification which leads to high school graduation or an equivalency diploma. The Board will consider the request of a parent/guardian provided the conditions are allowed by state statute.

The student and their parent/guardian must agree, in writing, that the student will participate in a program leading to the students high school graduation.

Furthermore, a written agreement is required among the student, their parent/guardian, and a representative of the high school equivalency program or other school program leading to the student's high school graduation prior to admission to such program(s). The agreement must state the services to be provided, the time period needed to complete the high school equivalency program or program leading to high school graduation and how the performance of the student will be monitored.

The High School Principal, Director of Student Services, or designee is responsible for monitoring the written agreement on a regular basis. In no case, however, can the agreement be monitored less frequently than once per semester. If the High School Principal, Director of Student Services, or designee determines that a student is not complying with the agreement, that person is expected to notify the student, their parent/guardian and the high school equivalency program or program leading to high school graduation that the agreement may be modified or suspended in 30 days.

Legal Ref.: Sections 118.15 of the Wisconsin Statutes (Compulsory School Attendance)
118.153 (Children At Risk of Not Graduating From High School)
118.155 (Released Time for Religious Instruction)
118.16 (School Attendance Enforcement)
118.162 (Truancy Committee and Plan)
118.163 (Municipal Truancy and School Dropout Ordinances)
118.164 (Removal of Pupils From the Class)
118.165 (Private Schools)