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## COMPULSORY STUDENT ATTENDANCE & ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS

In accordance with state law, all children between five and eighteen 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 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.

Upon request to the School Board, or its designee, and with the written approval of the student's parent/guardian, any student who is 16 years of age or over and a student At Risk, as defined in state statute, may attend, in lieu of high school or on a part-time basis, a technical college if the student and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) agree, in writing, that the student will participate in a program leading to the student's high school graduation.

The Board of Education, through its designee, may excuse a student who is 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.

A written agreement is required among the student, his/her parent(s)/guardian(s), 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, Pupil Services Director, 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, Pupil Services Director, or designee determines that a student is not complying with the agreement, that person is expected to notify the student, his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) 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)