

Parent/guardians within the district who have children over age four (4) and enrolled in the statewide preschool program, over age five (5) and enrolled in the District's kindergarten program, or over age six (6) and under age sixteen (16) years of age by September 15, in proper physical and mental condition to attend school, will have the children attend school at the district attendance center designated by the board.

Students will attend school the number of days that school is in session in accordance with the school calendar. Students of compulsory attendance age will attend school a minimum of one hundred and sixty (160) days if the calendar is based on days and 90% of hours offered if the calendar is based on hours.

Students over age four (4) on September 15 and enrolled in the statewide preschool program and students over age five (5) on September 15 and enrolled in the District's kindergarten program, may not attend the minimum days only if the student's parent notifies the District in writing of the parent's intent to remove the child from the preschool program and/or from enrollment in the District.

Students of compulsory attendance age may not attend the minimum days only if the student falls into one of the following exemptions:

- has completed the requirements for graduation in an accredited school or has obtained a high school equivalency diploma;
- is attending religious services or receiving religious instruction;
- is attending an approved or probationally approved private college preparatory school;
- is attending an accredited nonpublic school;
- is excused for sufficient reason by any court of record or judge;
- is receiving independent private instruction;
- is receiving competent private instruction; or
- is subject to the Attendance Cooperation Process.

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian of a child to provide evidence of the child's mental and physical inability to attend school or of the child's qualifications for one of the exceptions listed above.

The truancy officer, principal, or other school official will investigate the cause for a student's truancy. If the truancy officer, principal, or other school official is unable to secure the truant student's attendance, the truancy officer, principal, or other school official should discuss the next step with the superintendent. The principal and superintendent will use their discretion to determine whether or not to refer the matter over to the county attorney for students of compulsory attendance age. Truant students who have not yet completed sixth grade will be subject to the Attendance Cooperation Process outlined in the supporting administrative regulation.

The school will participate in mediation if requested by the county attorney. The superintendent

will represent the district in mediation. The district will monitor the student's compliance with the mediation agreement and will report violations of the mediation agreement to the county attorney.

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