

Policy Title:

Compulsory Attendance

Code No. *501.3*

Parents within the school district who have children over age six and under age sixteen by September 15, or who are otherwise of compulsory attendance age, in proper physical and mental condition to attend school, will have the children attend the school district at the attendance center designated by the board. Students will attend school the number of days or hours school is in session in accordance with the school calendar. Exceptions to this policy include children who:

- have completed the requirements for graduation in an accredited school or have obtained a high school equivalency diploma;
- are attending religious services or receiving religious instruction;
- are attending an accredited or probationary accredited private college preparatory school;
- are attending an accredited nonpublic school;
- are receiving Independent Private Instruction or Competent Private Instruction;
- are excused for sufficient reason by any court of record or judge;
- are excused in accordance with the law regarding deaf and blind children; or
- are exempted in accordance with the law regarding religious exemptions.

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

The principal will investigate the cause for a student's truancy. If the principal is unable to secure the truant student's attendance, the student will be subject to further action in accordance with law, including referral to the county attorney.

The school will participate in mediation if requested by the county attorney. The superintendent or designee will represent the school district in mediation. The school 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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