



COMPULSORY STUDENT ATTENDANCE

In accordance with state law, 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 (18) years of age, unless they have a legal excuse, fall under one of the exceptions outlined in state law or have graduated from high school.

Any student who has reached the age of sixteen (16) may be excused from school attendance by the Board provided:

- d. the student has requested permission to be excused from regular school attendance
- e. the school has received written approval of the student's parent or guardian
- f. the student and his/her parent or guardian agree in writing, that the student will pursue further education in accordance with state law requirements
- g. the written agreement is approved by the Board and administration, and
- h. the student complies with the written agreement. If the agreement is suspended due to noncompliance, the student will be expected to resume attendance at school on a regular basis in accordance with state law and Board policy or be subjected to forfeiture for truancy in accordance with established county ordinances.

Procedures shall be developed by the administration to enhance the full attendance requirement and to determine appropriate action to serve as a deterrent to truancy. These procedures shall be in accordance with state law and shall be approved by the Board. The School District of Mineral Point shall not deny student credit in a course or subject solely because of a student's unexcused absences.

Enforcement of student attendance policies and truancy procedures shall be a shared responsibility between the schools, social service agencies, law enforcement officials, students, parents, and the community at large.

Policy 431 Continued:

Legal Reference: Wisconsin Statutes Sections 118.15
118.153
118.16
118.162
118.165

Cross Reference: 431-Rule Student Attendance Guidelines

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