

STUDENT ATTENDANCE – COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

POLICY

LEGAL REF: EA 156, 157

The school division is committed to enforcing the provisions of the Education Act. Section 156 (1) requires that every parent, guardian, or other person having charge of a child who has attained the age of seven but not sixteen years of age shall send the child to the school of the division in which he resides for the whole period during which the school is in operation each year.

Section 157 provides some exemptions from attendance:

1. When a child is under efficient instruction approved by the Director of Education at home or elsewhere.
2. When a child is unable to attend school by reason of sickness, medical appointment, or other unavoidable causes.
3. When a child accompanies his parent or guardian on extended travel outside the division.
4. When, in the opinion of the Director of Education, a child should be exempt from further attendance in school.
5. When the Director deems that the attendance of a student under sixteen years of age is not productive or detrimental.

BOARD APPROVED: June 28, 1982

REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES

Principals are required to:

1. Enforce the provisions of the Education Act.
2. Advise the Superintendent of any child of compulsory school age living in the attendance area of the school who has not registered at school.
3. Establish a reasonable system by which a child's absence from school can be suitably reported by a parent or guardian to the teacher.
4. Advise the Superintendent of any students who are absent from school for more than four school days in any month without valid reason.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 28, 1982

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