

Book	POLICY MANUAL
Section	400 STUDENTS
Title	Compulsory Student Attendance
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The School Board believes attendance is a key factor in student achievement and believes that students must be in regular school attendance in order to successfully achieve the goal of high school graduation.

Any person having under their control a child who is between the ages of 6 and 18 years of age, or a child enrolled in 5-year-old kindergarten in the district, shall cause the child to attend school regularly in accordance with state law. The child is expected to attend school on each day school is in session, unless he/she is excused from school attendance or has graduated.

Parents and guardians are required to notify the school of an absence prior to or on the day of the absence. All students with excused absences will be given the opportunity to make up class assignments missed during the absence, including tests and examinations. It is the student's responsibility to contact the teacher(s) to make arrangements for making up the work missed during an absence from school.

The district administrator (or his/her administrative-level designee) and building principals shall establish necessary procedures to encourage regular student attendance, to identify excused and unexcused absences, and to determine appropriate action to respond to and serve as a deterrent to truancy. These procedures shall be in line with recommendations of the county truancy committee(s), the district's truancy plan, and state law requirements.

Legal

[Section 115.28\(51\) \[state superintendent duty; encourage school boards to grant excused absences for students sounding "Taps" during a military honors funeral of a deceased veteran\]](#)

[Section 115.997\(5\)\(e\) \[military compact on educational opportunity for military children\]](#)

[Section 118.125\(2\)\(cg\) \[disclosing student attendance records to law enforcement agency\]](#)

[Section 118.125\(2\)\(ch\) \[disclosing student attendance records to fire investigator\]](#)

[Section 118.15 \[compulsory school attendance\]](#)

[Section 118.16 \[school attendance enforcement\]](#)

[Section 118.162 \[truancy committee and plan\]](#)

[Section 118.163 \[municipal truancy and dropout ordinances\]](#)

[Section 118.18 \[teacher attendance reporting requirements\]](#)

[Section 118.33\(1\)\(b\) \[high school graduation requirements\]](#).

[Section 948.45 \[contributing to truancy.\]](#)