

## DE SOTO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

431

### STUDENT ATTENDANCE

In accordance with state law, all children between six and 18 years of age shall attend school regularly during the full period and hours, religious holidays excepted, that the school in which the child is enrolled is in session until the end of the term, quarter or semester of the school year in which the child becomes 18 years of age, unless they fall under the exceptions outlined in state law or have graduated from high school. The only legal course for absence is:

- in situations where the student is not in proper physical or mental condition to attend school;
- when any child is excused by the Board of Education in accordance with the Board's written policy; or
- when a student has been authorized to attend an alternative educational program.

Any student who has reached the age of 16 may be excused from school attendance under established conditions to participate in programs leading to high school graduation or high school equivalency diploma.

Age of Majority: Students 18 years of age and above shall attend all assigned classes, home-rooms, assemblies, and follow all school rules or be subject to appropriate disciplinary measures including suspension and possibly expulsion. Reaching the age of majority does not imply any specific rights. If a student is designated as having a disability, the District must provide the opportunity for educational services for that student until the duration of the term in which he/she becomes 21 if he/she has not graduated from high school.

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 the District's truancy plan and shall be approved by the Board. The District shall not deny student credit in a course or subject solely because of a student's unexcused absences.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 118.15 Wisconsin Statutes  
118.153

118.16  
118.162  
118.165  
118.18

Vernon County Truancy Ordinance 99-1

CROSS REF.: 431-Rule, Student Attendance Procedures  
District Truancy Plan

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