

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

In accordance with State law, all children who enrolled in the District who are between six (6) and eighteen (18) years of age must attend school regularly until the end of the term, quarter, or semester in which they become 18 years of age unless:

1. Are excused temporarily from school attendance for personal illness or other reason defined in state law and/or the District's administrative procedures implementing this policy;
2. Have been authorized to attend an alternative educational program leading to high school graduation or a high school equivalency diploma;
3. Are participating in Board approved program or curriculum modification; or
4. Have graduated from high school.

Children enrolled in a 5-year old kindergarten program shall be expected to attend school regularly during the full period and hours that kindergarten is in session during the school year.

Parents/guardians, or students who are adults or emancipated minors, have primary responsibility under State law for student attendance at school. Enforcement of student attendance policies, procedures and laws shall be a shared responsibility among schools, parents/guardians, students, service agencies, law enforcement and the community at large.

The principal has the authority in accordance with State law to determine if a student's absence is excused or unexcused.

Students shall be permitted to make up class work and examinations missed as a result of absences from school under the conditions outlined in District procedures. The District shall not deny student credit in a course or subject solely because of a student's unexcused absences.

Procedures shall be established 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 municipal ordinances and State law. The District shall establish regulations pertaining to attendance, absence, tardiness, and the basis for excused absences.

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