

MONONA GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Policy 431

COMPULSORY STUDENT ATTENDANCE

The Board of Education encourages a strong partnership between the home, school and community. It recognizes a positive relationship between good school attendance and success in school and employment. If student learning and growth are to take place, parents/guardians, students and school personnel must recognize their responsibilities to assure regular attendance.

Under state law, any person having under control a child who is between the ages of six and 18 years shall cause the child to attend school regularly during the full period and hours that school is in session until the end of the school term, quarter or semester of the school year in which the child becomes 18 years of age unless he/she:

1. Is excused temporarily for physical, mental or other reasons defined by the Board;
2. Has graduated;
3. Has been authorized to attend an alternative educational program; or
4. Has been excused by his/her parent/guardian prior to an absence in accordance with state law.

The Board, in recognition of state law requirements for school attendance and the overwhelming public need for an educated society, believes school attendance should take precedence over non-school activities.

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to notify the school of student absences in accordance with established procedures. When students are absent from school, parents/guardians assume full responsibility for their child's activities. It is the responsibility of the building principal or designee to determine whether the absence is acceptable (excused) or not acceptable (unexcused). The district shall not deny a student credit in a course or subject solely because of the student's unexcused absences or suspensions from school.

Procedures shall be developed by the administration to comply with the full attendance requirement and to serve as a deterrent to truancy. The procedures shall be in accordance with state law and local ordinances and shall be approved by the Board. The district's truancy plan procedures shall be reviewed and, if appropriate, revised every two years.

LEGAL REFERENCES: Sections 118.15 Wisconsin Statutes
 118.153
 118.16
 118.162
 118.165

CROSS REFERENCES: Board Rule 431, Student Attendance Guidelines and Procedures
 Board Policy 342.3, Programs for Children at Risk

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