

Lancaster Community School District

Students

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

In accordance with Grant County/City of Lancaster ordinances and state law, all children between six and 18 years of age shall attend school full time until the end of the term, quarter or semester in which they become 18, unless they have a legal excuse, fall under one of the exceptions outlined in state law, or have graduated from high school. The responsibility for regular school attendance of a student rests upon the student and his/her parent/guardian.

Students enrolled in five-year-kindergarten in the District shall also attend school regularly during the fall period and hours that kindergarten is in session during the school year, except as noted above. In addition, the School Board expects students who are 18 years of age or older who are enrolled in the District to attend school regularly and abide by provisions of this policy and its implementing rules similar to students of compulsory attendance age.

Any student who has reached the age of 16 may be excused from school attendance by the Board of Education to participate in programs leading to high school graduation or high school equivalency provided they meet statutory requirements.

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 Grant County ordinances and state law, and shall be approved by the Board.

The Lancaster Community School District shall not deny student credit in a course or subject solely because of a student's unexcused absences. All students with excused absences or absences due to suspension shall be given the opportunity to make up work missed in accordance with established guidelines.

Enforcement of student attendance policies and truancy procedures shall be a shared responsibility between the schools, social service agencies, law enforcement officials, students, parents/guardians and the community at large.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 118.15 Wisconsin Statutes 118.16

118.162

118.163

118.165

Chapter 22, Grant County Ordinances

CROSS REF: 431-Rule, Student Attendance Procedures

431 – Exhibit (1) Notification of Habitual Truancy

431 – Exhibit (2) Social Problems Report

431 – Exhibit (3) Court Referral – Juvenile (Truancy Referral)

431 – Exhibit (4) Attendance Exemption for Illness: Practitioner's Statement

431 – Exhibit (5) Attendance Policy Exemption for Extended/Chronic Illness

431 – Exhibit (6) Attendance Policy Warning Notice

431 – Exhibit (7) Attendance Policy Action Notice (Credit Loss)

347 – Student Records

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