

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE MENOMONIE AREA

431

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

The School District of the Menomonie Area encourages a strong partnership between home, school, and community. It acknowledges a positive correlation between attendance and achievement in school and employment. While at school, students are given many learning opportunities through direct instruction and peer interaction. Unfortunately, when a student is absent, they miss vital learning opportunities. Fostering punctuality is a shared responsibility between students, parents/guardians, and the school. It is an important factor in the individual student's character development and future success. Student tardiness and absenteeism is disruptive to the learning process and is detrimental to the student's educational progress.

In accordance with state law, all children between six (6) and eighteen (18) years of age or enrolled in 5-year-old kindergarten shall attend school regularly. Attendance shall be during the full period and hours that school is in session until the end of the school term, quarter, or semester in which the child becomes eighteen (18) years of age. Exceptions to this are when a student is excused from attendance in accordance with state law or board policy, meets an exception to the attendance requirements, or has graduated from high school.

The district administrator shall establish procedures for attendance requirements and to determine appropriate actions to serve as a deterrent to truancy. The procedures shall be designed to minimize student absenteeism while providing opportunity to make up schoolwork missed due to reasonable and unavoidable absences. Procedures, which shall be consistent with recommendations from the Dunn County Truancy Committee and appropriate ordinances and state law, will be approved by the Board of Education. The District's truancy plan shall be reviewed every two (2) years and revised as necessary.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 118.15 Wisconsin Statutes

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CROSS REF.: 431-Rule, Student Attendance/Truancy Procedures
346-Rule, Guidelines for Maintenance and Confidentiality of Student Records
420, School Admissions

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/s/Clinton Moses
Clerk