

## 431 STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Any person having under his/her control, a child who is between the ages of 6 and 18 years of age shall cause the child to attend school during the full period and hours, religious holidays excepted, that the school in which the child should be enrolled 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 they have a legal excuse, fall under one of the exceptions outlined in the state statutes, or have graduated from high school.

The Board encourages the staff to consider the effects of the total environment of the school on students attending. The question of each student's attendance should, so far as law will allow, be viewed in light of what is best for him/her educationally. Since compulsion is the least educationally effective method of securing regular attendance, the staff is urged to make the school program so attractive to each student that he/she will not wish to miss school.

Any student who has reached the age of 16 may be excused from school attendance in accordance with state law and established procedures.

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

The School District of Wisconsin Rapids 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  
Municipal Ordinances  
Truancy Plan

CROSS REF.: 431 Rule, Student Attendance Procedures  
342.3, Programs for Children At Risk  
342.6, Alternative Programs

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