

**DODGELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Board Policy Manual**

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**STUDENT ATTENDANCE**

The Dodgeland School Board encourages a strong partnership among the school, home and community. It recognizes a positive relationship between regular school attendance and success in school and future employment. Students, school personnel and parents/guardians must recognize their shared responsibilities for supporting regular attendance in order to promote student learning and growth.

In accordance with state law, all children between the ages of six and 18 must attend school full-time until the end of the term, quarter or semester in which they become 18 years of age, unless they:

1. are excused temporarily from school attendance for personal illness or other reason defined in state law and the District's administrative procedures implementing this policy;
2. have been authorized to attend an alternative educational program, or participate in another program or curriculum modification, leading to high school graduation or a high school equivalency diploma; or
3. have graduated from high school.

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

The District Administrator shall establish necessary procedures to enhance the full attendance requirement and to determine appropriate action to serve as a deterrent to truancy. These procedures shall be in line with recommendations of the county truancy committee(s) and state law. Students shall be permitted to make up classwork and examinations missed as a result of student absences from school under the conditions outlined in District procedures. The District shall not deny a student credit in a course or subject solely because of a student's unexcused absences.

Parents/guardians have primary responsibility under state law for student attendance at school. Enforcement of student attendance policies and procedures shall be a shared responsibility among the schools, family service agencies, law enforcement officials, students, parents/guardians, and the community at large.

LEGAL REF.:	Sections	118.15 118.153 118.155 118.16 118.162 118.163 118.165 938.17(2) 948.45	Wisconsin Statutes
		Dodge County Ordinances	

CROSS REF.:	431-Rule, Student Attendance/Truancy Procedures 342.4, Students At Risk 343.42, Youth Options Program 347-Rule, Procedures for the Maintenance and Confidentiality of Student Records 420, School Admissions 412.1, Full-Time Students 423.1, Full-Time Open Enrollment Dodge County Truancy Plan
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