

DEERFIELD COMMUNITY

CODE: 430

SCHOOL DISTRICT

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ATTENDANCE POLICY

STUDENT ABSENCES AND EXCUSES

Every student has the right to attend school in the district in which he/she resides. Along with this right goes the responsibility of the student to attend daily and to be on time to all classes. Make-up work can never be an adequate substitute for attendance in school. In cases of extended absence, excused or unexcused, consideration will be given to require the student to drop the course(s) of instruction, and allow repetition of the course(s) at a later date.

The Board, in recognition of the statutory requirements for school attendance and the overwhelming public need for an educated society, believes school attendance should take precedence over non-school activities. State law requires every child between six and 18 years of age to be in school attendance unless he/she:

- (1) is excused temporarily for physical or mental reasons, 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.

It is the responsibility of any person having under his/her control such a child to ensure regular attendance during the full period and hours that school is in session until the end of the quarter or semester of the school year in which the child becomes 18 years of age.

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to notify the school of student absences in accordance with established District procedures. When students are absent from school, parents/guardians assume full responsibility for their activities. It is the responsibility of the principal or designee to determine whether the absence is acceptable (excused) or not acceptable (truant).

LEGAL REF.: Sections 118.15 Wisconsin Statutes

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