

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: ATTENDANCE

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Palmyra Area School District

204. ATTENDANCE	
<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>SC 1327 1330</p>	<p>The Board of Education requires that school-aged pupils enrolled in the schools of this district attend school regularly in accordance with the laws of the State. The educational program offered by this district is predicated upon the presence of the pupil and requires continuity of instruction and classroom participation.</p>
<p>2. Authority</p> <p>SC 1327, 1329</p>	<p>Attendance shall be required of all students enrolled in the schools during the days and hours that the school is in session, except that a principal or teacher may excuse a student for temporary absences when s/he receives satisfactory evidence of such mental, physical, or other urgent conditions which may reasonably cause the student's absence.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec 11.21</p>	<p>All absences occasioned by the observance of the students religion on a day approved by the Board as a religious holiday shall be excused, and no student so excused shall be deprived of an award or eligibility to compete for an award or the opportunity to make up a test given on the religious holiday.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec 11.22 11.28</p>	<p>Attendance need not always be within the school facilities, but a student will be considered to be in attendance if present at any place where school is in session by authority of the Board, or at the place where the student is receiving approved tutorial instruction or health care, or at the place where the student is engaged in an approved and properly supervised work-study or career education program, or at home when the student is receiving approved homebound instruction.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec 5.22</p>	<p>The Board shall consider each student assigned to a program of independent study to be in regular attendance for the program, provided that s/he is under the guidance of a staff member so assigned and reports to such staff member the place in which s/he is conducting study and regularly demonstrates progress toward the objectives of the course of study.</p>
<p>SC 510</p>	<p>Repeated infractions of Board policy requiring the attendance of enrolled</p>

<p>1318</p>	<p>students may constitute such misconduct and disobedience as to warrant the suspension or expulsion of the student from the regular school program.</p> <p>It shall be the policy of the Board to consider the effectiveness and appropriateness to the pupil's needs of the educational program that is offered each child who habitually and repeatedly absents him/herself from such program.</p>
<p>SC 1318</p>	<p>The Board authorizes the Superintendent to suspend a student from a particular class or from school in accordance with the policies of the Board, if sincere efforts by the staff and parents cannot rectify the pattern of absence. the Superintendent is authorized to establish the criteria to implement this policy.</p> <p>The Board shall excuse the following students from the requirements of attendance at the school of this district:</p>
<p>SC 1330</p>	<p>on certification by a physician or submission of other satisfactory evidence and on approval of the Department of Education, children who are unable to attend school or apply themselves to study for mental, physical or other reasons so urgent as to preclude regular attendance;</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec 11.5 11.32</p>	<p>students enrolled in nonpublic or private schools in which the subjects and activities prescribed by law are taught, except that such students and students attending college who are also enrolled part-time in the schools of this district shall be counted as being in attendance in this district;</p>
<p>SC 1327</p>	<p>students sixteen or seventeen years of age whose enrollments in a private trade or business school have been approved;</p>
<p>SC 1330</p>	<p>children fifteen years of age, and fourteen years of age who have completed sixth grade, who are engaged in farm work or private domestic service under duly issued permits;</p>
<p>SC 1330</p>	<p>children sixteen years of age regularly employed during the school session and holding a lawfully issued employment certificate.</p>
<p>SC 1332, 1333</p>	<p>The Board may report to appropriate authorities infractions of the law regarding the attendance of students below the age of seventeen. the Board shall issue notice to those parents and guardians who fail to comply with the statutory requirements of compulsory attendance that such infractions of the statute will be prosecuted.</p>
<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>Title 22 Sec 11.1 11.3 SC 1332,</p>	<p>The Superintendent shall develop procedures for the attendance of students which:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure a school session which is in conformity with requirements of the rules of the State Board. 2. Govern the keeping of attendance records in accordance with rules of the

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