

Students of Legal Age

Every student eighteen (18) years of age or older will be deemed to be an adult and will have legal capacity to act as such. Such students, like all other students, will comply with the rules established by the District, pursue the prescribed course of study, and submit to the authority of teachers and other staff members as required by policy and state law.

Admission to School: The residence of an adult student who is not residing with a parent or guardian will be considered the residence for school purposes. All state laws pertaining to residence requirements shall pertain to students of legal age.

Field Trips/Athletic Programs: Approved forms for participation will be required of all students. The form should indicate that the signature is that of the parent or the adult student. Sponsors or coaches will be required to confirm the ages of those students signing their own forms.

Absence-Lateness-Truancy: Absence notes, normally signed by parents or guardians, may be signed by adult students. Excessive absences will result in consequences according to policy 3122P and will be reported on the report card.

Suspension/Expulsion: All suspension and/or expulsion proceedings will conform to the requirements of state statutes. Notification of all such proceedings will be sent to parents or guardians. Adult students, however, are permitted to represent themselves upon reinstatement to school following a suspension. If a student wishes to represent him/herself without parental involvement, he/she shall sign a statement to that effect.

Withdrawal from School: Students of legal age may withdraw from school under their own cognizance. Counselors will guide and counsel potential dropouts and encourage their continued attendance. Parents will be notified of impending dropouts by the school.

Permission to Inspect Student Records: Adult students may request permission to inspect their school records if they are eligible students according to FERPA.

Report Cards: Progress reports will be sent to the parent or legal guardian, unless a student of legal age directs otherwise.

Excuses from School: The school will verify requests from students who wish to leave school early for reasons such as job interviews, college visits, driver testing, etc., with the organization being visited. Permission to leave school early may be denied for what is considered a non-valid reason.

Financial Responsibility: Students of legal age can be held financially responsible for damage to school property.

Smoking. Smoking by students, regardless of age, is prohibited in the school building, on the school grounds, or at activities sponsored by the school, both on campus or off-campus.

Alcohol and Drugs. The use, possession, or distribution of alcohol or drugs in the building, on school grounds, or at school-sponsored activities is prohibited. Students under the influence of either shall be subject to disciplinary procedures. The parent or guardian will be notified in the event of an offense, but if the student refuses parental participation, the school administration may involve police action, where advisable, without parental consent.

Gambling. Gambling is prohibited to all students in the school building, on the school grounds, or at any activity sponsored by the school, both on-campus and off-campus.

Policy History:

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