

DANBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Danbury, Connecticut

POLICY

ATTENDANCE - STUDENTS

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All children over five and under eighteen years of age shall be required to attend a public day school, unless the parent or person having control of such child is able to show, to the satisfaction of the Board of Education, that the child is receiving elsewhere equivalent instruction to that provided in a public day school. The parent or person having control of a child sixteen or seventeen years of age may consent to such child's withdrawal from school. Such parent or person shall personally appear at the school district office and sign a withdrawal form.

Excused student absence may be granted for illness, recognized religious observances, family emergency, or other circumstances that are clearly emergencies that prevent school attendance. Unexcused absences are those not included, and which are in violation of the Board's requirement of regular attendance for all students.

The Board has the responsibility to monitor compliance with all laws and regulations governing student attendance. Student attendance shall be monitored administratively for compliance with Board policies and the administration will work with the parent and those persons having control of the child to assist them in the assumption of their responsibilities relative to State Laws and Board of Education policies.

Parents who do not assume responsibility for their child's attendance as required by law, may be referred to the State Prosecutor for prosecution. Procedures for implementation of this policy shall be governed by administrative regulations.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Connecticut General Statute 10-184, Chap. 168, Sec. 1-199
Public Act 00-157

(Combination of Policies: 7-101, 7-102, 7-102.1, 7-103)