

STUDENTS - Series 500

501 Student Attendance

501.1 Compulsory Attendance

Parents or guardians within the school district who have children who are over six and less than sixteen years of age by September 15 in proper physical and mental condition to attend school shall have the children attend the school district at the attendance center designated by the board. Students shall attend school the number of days school is in session in accordance with the school calendar. Exceptions to this policy include children who:

- have completed the requirements for graduation in an accredited school or have obtained a high school equivalency diploma;
- are attending religious services or receiving religious instruction;
- are attending an approved or probationally approved private college preparatory school;
- are attending an accredited nonpublic school; or,
- are receiving competent private instruction from a parent, guardian or legal custodian.

It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian of a child to provide evidence of the child's mental and physical inability to attend school or of the child's qualifications for one of the exceptions listed above.

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Legal References: Iowa Code SS259A; 279.10-.11; 299.1(1991).
Iowa Code S 299B (Iowa Acts 1991).
281 Iowa Admin. Code 31.
1978 Op. Att'y. Gen. 378.

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