

ADMISSION FOR STUDENTS FROM ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTION

EXCUSE FROM SCHOOL

State law requires that children of compulsory school age (at least six [6] years old by the first day of September and not yet eighteen [18] years old) must regularly attend some public or non-public school, unless excused from school attendance by the school board. All requests for excused absence from school must be in writing. A child will be excused from school attendance if a child is provided with alternative instruction for an equivalent period of time as in the public school. Any parent or guardian of a child of compulsory school age may request that the child be excused from school attendance. The form for requests for a child to be provided with alternative instruction is provided by the state department and may be obtained from the superintendent. The request for alternative instruction must be filed annually.

Any requests for excuse from school will be submitted through the superintendent to the full board for action.

RE-ENROLLMENT IN SCHOOL

Any "elementary age" child of compulsory school age who has been receiving alternative instruction in an unaccredited setting seeking enrollment in the school district shall be placed at the child's demonstrated level of proficiency established by the district's standardized tests or performance assessments. The child's placement may not be at a grade level higher than warranted by the child's chronological age, assuming entry to the first grade at age six (6) years and annual grade advancement thereafter. The standardized test or performance assessments shall be administered by school personnel and scored as required by the test protocols.

Any student holding a GED is considered a high school graduate and will not be enrolled/reenrolled. Any other student who has been receiving alternative instruction in an unaccredited setting and seeks enrollment in the public school in grades nine (9) or above shall be placed in the grade level established by standardized English and mathematics tests and/or performance assessments to be administered by the district. The student shall be assigned the minimum passing credit for the grade levels associated with the assessments.

The student may request credit for any other subject equivalent to a subject provided by the Todd County schools. The high school principal shall review the student's alternative instruction transcript and may award credits based upon the student's performance on performance provided to students in similar courses in the Todd County schools. Any such credits so awarded shall count towards the student's required credits for graduation.

Any parent, guardian, or eighteen (18) year old student aggrieved by a grade or credit determination may, pursuant to this policy, appeal the determination to the school board. Decisions made by the school board under this policy may be appealed to the Secretary of the Department of Education and Cultural Affairs, pursuant to SDCL 13-27-8.

LEGAL REF: SDCL 13-27-3, 7, 8, AND 29.

CROSS REFERENCE: JEC, JED

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