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COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

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| <b>Attendance Officer</b>             | Students in violation of the compulsory attendance law shall be reported to the District truancy and prevention officer, who shall institute court action as provided by law.  |
| <b>Attendance Officer</b>             | The Board has designated the director for Student and Parent Services as the attendance officer for the District.  |
| <b>Excused Absences</b>               | In addition to excused absences required by law, the District shall excuse absences for the following purposes.  |
| Higher Education Visits               | The District shall excuse a student for up to two days during the student's junior year and up to two days during the student's senior year to visit an accredited institution of higher education. A student shall be required to submit verification of such visits in accordance with administrative regulations.   |
| Armed Services Enlistment             | The District shall excuse a student 17 years of age or older for up to four days during <b>HIS OR HER ENROLLMENT IN HIGH</b> school <del>year</del> for activities related to pursuing enlistment in a branch of the U.S. Armed Services or Texas National Guard. A student shall be required to submit verification of such activities in accordance with administrative regulations.   |
| Early Voting or Election Clerk        | The District shall excuse a student for up to two days per school year to serve as an early voting or election clerk. A student shall be required to submit verification of service in accordance with administrative regulations.<br><br>[For extracurricular activity absences, see FM.]   |
| <b>Withdrawal for Nonattendance</b>   | The District may initiate withdrawal of a student under the age of 19 for nonattendance under the following conditions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The student has been absent ten consecutive school days; and</li><li>2. Repeated efforts by the attendance officer and/or principal to locate the student have been unsuccessful.</li></ol><br>[For District-initiated withdrawal of students 19 or older, see FEA(LEGAL).]<br><br>After consultation with law enforcement officials, the attendance officer and principal shall determine, based on all available information, whether the student no longer resides within the District. A student who is reported as a "runaway" with a case number shall be withdrawn effective on the date of the police report. |
| <b>Students Attending Homeschools</b> | Students who are homeschooled are exempt from the compulsory attendance law to the same extent as students enrolled in other private schools.  |

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Adequate documentation of homeschooling for withdrawal shall consist of either a statement of withdrawal in accordance with FD(LOCAL) indicating the date homeschooling began, or a signed and dated letter from a parent or guardian indicating that his or her child is being homeschooled and the date the homeschooling began.

The District may request from a parent or guardian a letter of assurance that a child is being educated using a curriculum designed to meet basic education goals of reading, spelling, grammar, mathematics, and a study of good citizenship.

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If a parent or guardian refuses to submit a requested statement or letter, or if the District has evidence that a school-aged child is not being homeschooled within legal requirements, the District may investigate further and, if warranted, shall pursue legal action to enforce the compulsory attendance law.