

TITLE: MCS Governance Board Policy J-002: Compulsory School Attendance

LEGAL REFERENCE:

22-12-1 NMSA 1978	Compulsory School Attendance
6.10.8 NMAC	Compulsory School Attendance

PURPOSE:

The McCurdy Charter School (MCS) Governance Board recognizes that daily class attendance by school age persons at all grade levels is an essential component in the learning process, in the development of self discipline, and in preparation for post-secondary training, education and employment. Daily class attendance is a requirement of the New Mexico Compulsory School Attendance Law (22-12-1 NMSA 1978) and 6.10.8 NMAC.

POSITION:

Unless excused by Law, all school age persons shall attend school until attaining the age of majority (18 years of age) for at least the length of time of the MCS school year.

GUIDELINES:

A. Any qualified student and any person who because of his age is eligible to become a qualified student as defined by 22.8.2.M NMSA 1978 until attaining the age of majority shall attend a public school, a private school, a home school or a state institution.

A person shall be excused from this requirement if the person:

1. is specifically exempted by law from the provisions of this section;
2. has graduated from high school or obtained his or her General Education Diploma (GED);
3. is at least 18 years of age and has been excused by the local school board or its authorized representative upon a finding that the person will be employed in a gainful trade or occupation or engaged in an alternative form of education sufficient for the person's educational needs and the parent, guardian or other person having custody and control consents; or
4. is at least five (5) years of age prior to 12:01 a.m. on September 1 of the school year;
5. is at least three (3) years of age at any time during the school year and is receiving special education services pursuant to rules of the department;
6. has not reached the student's 22nd birthday on the first day of the school year and is receiving special education services pursuant to the rules of the department.


B. Any parent of a person subject to the provisions of the Compulsory School Attendance Law is responsible for the school attendance of that person.

REVIEW:

This policy shall be reviewed in accordance with the MCS Governance Board Policy Review Process.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICE: MCS Policy & Bylaws Committee Chairperson

DATE ADOPTED: 062512


Signature _____ Date Signed 6/25/12

MCS Governance Board Chairperson

RELATED DOCUMENTS:

REVISIONS:

Date	Modification and why
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MCS KEY WORDS OR RELATIONSHIP: attendance