

Policy 501.3: Compulsory Attendance

Status:
ADOPTED

Original Adopted
Date: 8/5/2022

Parents who have enrolled their children in Choice Charter School under age sixteen by September 15, in proper physical and mental condition to attend school, will have the children attend the school the number of days school is in session in accordance with the school calendar. Students of compulsory attendance age will attend school a minimum of 1080 hours. Students not attending the minimum hours must be exempted by this policy as listed below or, referred to the county attorney. 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 probationary approved private college preparatory school;
- are attending an accredited nonpublic school;
- are receiving independent private instruction; or are receiving competent private instruction.

It is the responsibility of the parent 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. The principal will investigate the cause for a student's truancy. If the principal is unable to secure the truant student's attendance, the Board of Directors gives the principal the authority to refer the matter over to the county attorney. The board should be kept informed of the status of any truant students reported to the county attorney. The school will participate in mediation if requested by the county attorney. The CEO will represent the school district in mediation. The school will monitor the student's compliance with the mediation agreement and will report violations of the mediation agreement to the county attorney.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 259A; 279.10-.11; ch. 299; 299A (2011).
441 I.A.C. 41.25(8).
Iowa Code 299.15 1978 Op. Att'y. Gen. 379.

Cross Reference:
601.1 School Calendar

Approved 8/5/2022 Reviewed _____