

### COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AGES

Under South Dakota law, a child who is at least six (6) years old by the first day of September, but who has not exceeded the age of eighteen (18) is of compulsory school age. It is the responsibility of every person having under their control a child between those ages to see to the child's attendance at school until the child has reached the age of eighteen (18), unless excused.

All children shall attend kindergarten prior to age seven. Any child who transfers from another state may proceed in a continuous educational program without interruption if the child has not previously attended kindergarten.

Any person who does not see to the school attendance of a child in their care may be guilty of a misdemeanor and if convicted, may be subject to a fine as established by law.

No student will be denied the right of attending school without due process of law.

#### **Legal References:**

SDCL 13-27-1	<u>Responsibility of school attendance</u>
SDCL 13-27-11	<u>Failure to send child to school</u>
SDCL 13-27-12	<u>Enforcement powers and duty of secretary</u>
SDCL 13-27-16	<u>Warnings by school board</u>
SDCL 13-27-2	<u>Attendance excused by school board</u>
SDCL 13-32-4.1	<u>Attendance policy</u>

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