

STUDENTS ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTION

EXCUSE FROM SCHOOL

Children of compulsory school age must regularly attend some public or non-public school, unless excused from school attendance. 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 schools in the basic skills of language arts and mathematics. Any parent or guardian of a child of compulsory school age may request that the child be excused from school attendance. The request for alternative instruction must be filed annually.

All requests for alternative instruction must be in writing. The form for requests for a child to be provided with alternative instruction is provided by the South Dakota Department of Education.

RE-ENROLLMENT IN SCHOOL

1. **Elementary Students** - Any 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. 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 shall be administered by school personnel and scored as required by the test protocols.

Legal References:

SDCL 13-27-1	<u>Responsibility of school attendance</u>
SDCL 13-27-29	<u>Placement of child who has attended unaccredited school or alternative program</u>
SDCL 13-27-3	<u>Child excused if provided alternative instruction</u>
SDCL 13-27-7	<u>Applications for excuse from attendance</u>
SDCL 13-27-8	<u>Appeal on attendance matters to state board</u>
SDCL 13-27-9	<u>Record of certificates of excuse from attendance</u>
POLICY JECB	<u>Open Enrollment</u>

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