

EXCLUSIONS AND EXEMPTIONS FROM SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The law provides for the exclusion and exemption of students from school attendance.

Students may be excluded if they do not submit acceptable proof of current immunizations as required by law; if they suffer from, or have been exposed to, contagious diseases; or if they are “a source of offense or danger to other pupils in school on account of filthiness” or for other reasons, as specified by law.

Students may be exempted from school attendance if their physical or mental condition makes it inexpedient for them to attend. In addition, students may be exempted if, in the judgment of the principal and the superintendent, a suitable program of work, work-study, or training is available. Such exemption shall only be granted to students 16 years old or older, and only with the consent of the parents or guardian and the approval of the Board.

All exclusions and exemptions are subject to review and approval by the Board. When a child is able to return to school during the year, he or she shall be readmitted if the school administration and the Board are satisfied that such readmission serves the best interests of the child and the school.

Current practice codified 1975

LEGAL REFS.: M.R.S.A. 20:473 (6) ; 20:911 ; 20:1013 ; 20:1134 ; 20:1138 ; Title 22:961-963 ; Title 26:775

CROSS REFS.: JEA, Compulsory Attendance Ages
JGD/GE, Student Suspension/Expulsion
JHC, Student Health Services and Requirements (and subcodes)

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