STUDENTS

Exclusions and Exemptions from Compulsory School Attendance

Students whose immunizations against communicable diseases have not been completed, as required by law, shall be excluded from school until the immunization requirements are fulfilled. The conditional enrollment of a student with incomplete immunizations may be granted per Virginia Code requirements.

Students who are suffering from contagious or infectious diseases shall be excluded from school. The Supervisor of School Health Services and the school administration shall follow current state regulations and procedures for students in this category.

Upon recommendation of the principal and the Superintendent, the Prince William County School Board shall release from compulsory attendance, a student who has not benefited from school attendance, provided that the written consent of parent or guardian is given.

Students must maintain a full-day school schedule of classes unless a waiver is granted by the Superintendent.

A student who is expelled by the Prince William County School Board shall be released from compulsory school attendance.

The Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court of Prince William County may release students from compulsory school attendance.

The Prince William County School Board shall release from compulsory attendance any student who, with the student's parent(s)/guardian(s), by reason of bona fide religious training or belief, is conscientiously opposed to school attendance. The term "bona fide religious training or belief" does not include essentially political, sociological, or philosophical views, or a personal moral code. The parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student(s) shall submit a written application to School Division staff who shall verify the information and forward the application to Division Counsel for review. If Division Counsel deems an application to be consistent with prior School Board actions, it shall be forwarded to the Superintendent with a recommendation for School Board approval. If staff review raises questions as to the suitability of the application for approval, the School Board shall employ a process of hearings. Applicants shall appeal the disposition to the full School Board via written information and/or personal presentation, as determined by the School Board.

The Associate Superintendent for Student Learning and Accountability (or designee) is responsible for implementing and monitoring this policy.

This policy and any related regulations shall be reviewed at least every five years and revised as needed.

Legal References: Virginia Code §§ 22.1-254; 22.1-271.2; 22.1-271.4; 22.1-272; and 22.1-277

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