

STUDENT WITHDRAWAL FROM SCHOOL/DROP-OUTS

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The Superintendent shall develop procedures for awarding grades and credits for students who depart early from school near the end of the academic year.

The official withdrawal date posted for student records shall be the last date that the student attended one or more classes.

The Board of Education recognizes and promotes the importance of obtaining a high school diploma, as a diploma assists students to lead healthy and productive lives after graduation. Those youth who withdraw from school and prepare to face life with less than a high school education will have a much more difficult time entering the workforce or pursuing other goals. Therefore, the Board strongly urges every teacher, guidance counselor, principal, parent/guardian and citizen to exert all the influence which he/she can command to keep all district students in school through high school graduation.

Principals, teachers and guidance counselors are encouraged to make dropout prevention a priority through personal contacts with students and specialized programs. The goal is to enable those students who are considering dropping out or have dropped out of school to return and resume their programs with a minimal degree of disruption.

To emphasize the importance of a high school diploma and to encourage students to reconsider their decision to withdraw from school, the district will notify the student's parent(s), legal guardian or legal custodian in writing, when the district has knowledge that a student has dropped out of high school. For purposes of this policy, "high school dropout" shall have the same meaning as defined by the rules of the State Board of Education.

LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-2-114.1 (dropout rate reporting)
 C.R.S. 22-14-108 (written notice of dropout status)
 C.R.S. 22-32-118.5 (intervention strategies for students in grades 6-9 at risk of dropping out)
 C.R.S. 22-33-104 (compulsory school attendance)
 C.R.S. 22-33-203 and 204 (services for expelled and at-risk students)
 C.R.S. 22-35-109.5 (dropout recovery programs)
 1 CCR 301.1, Rule 13.01 (definition of "student dropout rate")

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