

STDNT4 - Attendance: Compulsory Attendance

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STUDENT ATTENDANCE

The parent or guardian is charged by law with responsibility for the student's consistent school attendance. The Superintendent will enforce the laws regarding attendance, considering the variables that affect children and families. The Superintendent will place emphasis on the prevention and correction of the causes of absenteeism.

It is unlawful for any child who is at least six (6) but not yet sixteen (16) years of age to fail to attend school during the hours that school is in session unless such child is excused pursuant to:

- A.R.S. [15-802](#) and verifiable records are kept of the reasons for excuse from the duties prescribed.
- A.R.S. [15-901](#) (for children with disabilities).
- The child is being provided instruction at home.
- The child being accompanied by a parent, or a person authorized by a parent.
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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREAS

Recommendations to the Governing Board for the adoption of new attendance boundaries or change in current attendance boundaries will be presented along with a map at one (1) meeting that provides for comments on the proposed changes prior to discussion and action.

Parents/guardians of students and residents of the households affected by attendance boundary changes will be notified, whenever possible, a minimum of ten (10) days prior to the public meeting. The notice will include the time, place, date, a call for public input, and where a map delineating the proposed adoption/change may be viewed. Notice will be given by:

- a. A postcard addressed to the zip codes plus four (4) digits of all affected postal residents located in the attendance area is subject to change.
- b. Written notification to the parents or guardians of affected students is provided through weekly school lunch menus, special communications, newsletters, or other similar means.
- c. Broadcast and print media public announcements.
- d. Posting of notice at the school and in places permitting notice posting in the area of student attendance affected.
- e. Information and a map delineating the proposed changes are available in the school office and posted on the District's website, if available.
- f. The meeting will be held in a public facility, if one is available, in a location with proximity to the area suggested for school attendance change and which will accommodate the expected participants. Participation by parents/guardians of students and residents of homes affected will be encouraged. Up to one (1) hour will be scheduled for receipt of affected persons' comments, with the time for individual presentations determined by the time scheduled divided by the participants requesting to speak. Additional time may be allocated by specific Board action.

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A.R.S.
[15-346](#)
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