

ATTENDANCE & ABSENCES

North Dakota law has established age requirements for compulsory attendance. In order to comply with and enforce these requirements, the Board establishes the following attendance policy:

Definitions

For the purposes of this policy:

- *Excused absence* is defined as absence caused by illness, injury, family emergency, religious observance, suspension, participation in a school-related activity, court appearances when subpoenaed, or other reasons deemed excusable by the building principal or Superintendent. The Superintendent or designee shall develop criteria for requesting and granting an excused absence and shall establish make-up work requirements.
- *Unexcused absence* is defined as an absence that is not excused and/or has not been approved by the building principal or Superintendent. Unexcused absences include but, are not limited to, being absent from class or a scheduled activity during the school day without a parent's/guardian's consent and appropriate school approval. If a student is absent for an unexcused reason, the parent/guardian shall still be responsible for calling the principal's office to explain the absence.

Accumulated Unexcused Absence

The Midway School Board believes there is an intangible benefit associated with being present in the classroom.

The Superintendent shall develop standards that define what constitutes a violation of the compulsory attendance law. Suspected violations of the compulsory attendance law shall be investigated in accordance with law. When a compulsory attendance violation is substantiated, the Midway School District shall comply with reporting requirements under law.

Handbook

Refer to the Student Handbooks for more specifics.