

Nebo School District Board of Education

Policy JECE

COMPULSORY Education REQUIREMENTS

The Board recognizes that under Utah statute a minor between the age of six (6) and eighteen (18) years of age is required to attend either a regularly established private or public school. The Board also recognizes that there are exceptions to this provision under the law and delegates to the administration responsibility for developing guidelines to handle exceptions to these Compulsory Education requirements.

A. Exceptions to the compulsory attendance requirement shall be administered according to the following guidelines:

1. Partial Release:

a. A minor over the age of sixteen (16) may receive a partial release from school to enter employment if the minor has completed the eighth grade. Minors excused under this subsection are required to attend part-time schooling or home schooling as prescribed by the Board.

2. Full Release:

- a. A minor has already completed the work required for graduation from high school.
- b. The minor is taught at home in the subjects prescribed by the Utah State Board of Education (USOE) in accordance with requirements established by the USOE and the Nebo School District Board of Education. (Refer to policy #LB: Private and Family Schools)
- c. The minor is in a physical or mental condition which renders school attendance inexpedient and impractical. (This must be certified by a competent physician.)
- d. The minor's employment provides proper influences and adequate opportunities for the student's education.
- e. The District Superintendent, or his/her designee, has determined that a minor over the age of sixteen (16) is unable to profit from attendance at school because of a continuing negative attitude toward school regulations and discipline.
- f. The parent/guardian of a minor over the age of sixteen (16) has made a request documented by sufficient evidence to grant an exemption.
- g. A student may be excused from compulsory attendance if found in violation of the District's Safe School Environment Policy.

B. The Board shall issue a letter to the parent/guardian stating that the minor is excused from attendance during the time specified in the letter.

C. Students who are released from school shall be afforded due process rights and appeals procedures.

D. This policy shall be applied consistently with the provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended.

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Administrative Procedure JECE-P

REQUEST FOR STUDENT RELEASE FROM SCHOOL

Students may be legally released from school attendance under conditions provided by Utah Statute 53A-11-101 and 53A-11-102. If a parent/guardian or principal requests that a student be released from school the following procedure should be followed to insure that the proper careful considerations be given to the request:

A. Those students who have completed all the requirements for graduation will conference with the principal and make necessary arrangements to begin their post high school education and/or career.

B. Home school educators should follow District policy LB and procedure LB-P.

C. If a parent/guardian desires to request a release for other compulsory education exceptions, they should present their request to the principal in writing. If a principal requests the release, he/she must also follow these guidelines.

The principal shall:

1. Inform the coordinator of pupil services of the request and seek assistance as needed.
2. Gather all information possible relating to the case from counselors, teachers and district pupil services personnel who might have knowledge of the situation.
3. Explore alternative educational opportunities for the student and parent/guardian to consider.
4. Contact the parent/guardian to set up a conference to review the request for release and explore alternative educational opportunities.
5. Send information summarizing the earnest and persistent efforts that have been made to resolve the student's problem. Make a recommendation either for the immediate release of the student or for the implementation of an alternative plan.
6. Forward the request with supporting documents to the coordinator of pupil services.

The coordinator of pupil services shall insure that:

1. Assistance is given as requested by the principal.
2. That the request and documents are in order and that proper procedures have been followed.
3. Parents/guardians are contacted to review conditions of the release and opportunities for future re-admission.
4. The request is forwarded to the superintendent with a letter of recommendation.

D. The superintendent will review the facts and determine his own recommendation and place the matter before the school board at the earliest possible board meeting. He will notify the parents/guardians of the student, the school principal and the coordinator or pupil services in writing of the board's disposition of the case.

E. Until the final disposition of the case is made and the student is to be released, the student shall be considered a member of the studentbody. The school should take no action such as refunding fees, etc., that will lead either the parent/guardian or the student to believe that the student has been legally released from school until the board of education has made a decision and all parties are notified of this action.

F. The Department of Pupil Services will maintain records on each student released from school.

G. Request for re-admission after the board has approved the request for release shall follow the procedure below:

1. The student and/or parent/guardian should initiate the request for re-admission with the principal of the school he/she wishes to attend.
2. The principal will determine whether or not to re-admit on a case by case basis.

H. Parents/guardians have the right to appeal this procedure at anytime.

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