

EXCLUSIONS AND EXEMPTIONS FROM SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

State law provides for the exemption of students of compulsory school age from attendance at school when the child is provided with competent alternative instruction for a like period of time as would be provided by the public schools. SDCL 13-27-3

The student is excused from school attendance upon the filing of an application for excuse made to the District in writing. The application must identify the place where the instruction will take place and who will provide the instruction. Applications for such excuses and the certificate of excuse are available from the Secretary of the Department of Education in Pierre. The Board may immediately revoke the automatic excuse, if, upon inspection by the Secretary of the Department of Education, it is shown that the student is not being taught in compliance with the standards of the state law. The application and certificate shall be maintained by the District as a confidential record and a copy shall be forwarded to the place where the child is to be instructed within 30 days of issuance.

Upon revocation of a certificate of alternative instruction, the parent or legal guardian may appeal the decision to the State Board of Education, which will conduct a hearing. The State Board's decision is final as to any right of the Secretary to appeal.

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