

SECTION 506 STUDENT ATTENDANCE POLICY

In accordance with Columbia County ordinances and Wisconsin statute 118.15, the Portage Community School District requires all children between six (6) and eighteen (18) years of age to attend school full time until the end of the term, quarter or semester in which they become eighteen (18) years of age, unless they have a legal excuse, fall under one of the exceptions provided in Wisconsin statute 118.15, or have graduated from high school.

Procedures shall be developed by the administration to enhance the full attendance requirement and to serve as a deterrent to truancy, tardiness, and excessive absence. These procedures shall be in accordance with Columbia County ordinances and state law, and shall be approved by the School Board. The Portage School District shall not deny student credit in a course or subject solely because of a student's attendance, although his/her grades may be affected by it.

Enforcement of student attendance policies and truancy procedures shall be a shared responsibility between the schools, social service agencies, law enforcement officials, students, parents and the community at large.

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