

## **SCHOOL WITHDRAWAL**

No student, age sixteen (16) years or older, shall be considered to have permanently left school unless:

1. The administrator of school last attended by the student has mailed written notice within a period of ten (10) days from the student's fifteenth (15) consecutive absence to the student's parent/guardian.
2. Such written notice is written in the primary language of the parent/guardian.
3. Such notice conveys an invitation for the student and his/her parent/guardian to meet with the Principal prior to the student permanently leaving school.
  - a. The time for meeting may be extended at the request of the parent/guardian and with consent of the Principal, provided no extension shall be for longer than fourteen (14) days.
  - b. Such meeting shall be for the purpose of discussing the reasons for the student permanently leaving school and alternative educational or other placements.
4. The Superintendent shall annually report to the Department of Education the number of students for such leaving and any alternative educational or other placement which each such student has taken.
5. The provisions of this section shall not be apply to a student who has completed the regular course of education, or to a student whose absences have been excused, nor shall this section be construed to permanently exclude a student who wishes to resume his/her education.

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