

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AGES

Under South Dakota law, a child who is at least six (6) years old by the first day of September, but who has not exceeded the age of eighteen (18) is of compulsory school age. It is the responsibility of every person having under his control a child between those ages to see to the child's attendance at school, until the child has reached the age of eighteen (18), unless excused.

All children shall attend kindergarten prior to age seven (7). Any child who transfers from another state may proceed in a continuous educational program without interruption if the child has not previously attended kindergarten.

Any person who does not see to the school attendance of such a child in his care will be guilty of a misdemeanor and if convicted, will be subject to a fine as established by law.

No student will be denied the right of attending school without due process of law.

Established by law.

LEGAL REFS: SDCL 13-27-1; 13-27-2; 13-27-11; 13-27-12; 13-27-16; 13-32-4.1

CROSS REFS: JEG, Exclusions and Exemptions from School Attendance

*Note:* The cross reference is to a related code in the EPA classification system.

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WEST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT