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## **Board Policy 5240** **STUDENTS**

### STUDENTS OF LEGAL AGE

Every student 18 years of age or older is an adult and shall have all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of adulthood. Such students, however, shall comply with all school rules, pursue the prescribed courses of study, and submit to the authority of teachers and others in authority over them.

Except as otherwise stated in this Policy, the District will continue to communicate with parent/guardians of students who are 18 years of age or older concerning the student's records and activities. However, if a student of legal age is not a dependent of the parent/guardian as defined under federal law (26 USC § 152), is an unaccompanied youth, or if the District has been informed, in writing, by a student who is 18 years of age or older of the student's desire that such communication be terminated, then the District shall cease such communications.

A student of legal age may:

1. Exercise his/her adult right to control access to his/her student records in accordance with Board policy and state and federal laws;
2. Sign documents on the student's own behalf which might otherwise be signed by a parent or guardian, not including absence excuses; and
3. Request or report an absence from school in accordance with district- reasons for excused absence. The District may, at its option in accordance with state law, choose whether or not to excuse the absence. The District may, as a condition of considering the absence "excused," require that the parent/guardian of the student be informed of and support the absence, unless the student is not a legal dependent of the parent/guardian, the student in an unaccompanied youth, or unless the student has requested in writing the discontinuance of parent/guardian notification. In any event, a school administrator or designee may, but is not required to, excuse an absence for a student of legal age, including, but not limited to, students who are not dependents of their parent or guardian, are unaccompanied youth, or who have submitted a

written demand that information not be disclosed to their parent or guardian.

4. Discontinue or forego school parent notification procedures.

REF:

State Statute 118.125

State Statute 118.15

State Statute 118.16

CROSS REF:

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