

RECOMMENDED: THE 2013 GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDED KRS 159.010 TO ALLOW DISTRICTS TO SET THE DROPOUT AGE AT 18 EFFECTIVE WITH THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR. DISTRICTS THAT CHOOSE THIS OPTION SHALL BE REQUIRED TO CERTIFY WITH THE KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION THAT THEY HAVE OR WILL HAVE PROGRAMS IN PLACE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF POTENTIAL DROPOUTS.

THIS CHANGE IS NOT REQUIRED BY LAW AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, ONCE 55% OF ALL SCHOOL BOARDS ADOPT SUCH A POLICY, ALL DISTRICTS MUST COMPLY WITHIN FOUR (4) YEARS.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS AT RISK OF DROPPING OUT MAY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL STAFFING AND RESOURCES.

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### **Transfers and Withdrawals**

#### **TEACHER TO ASCERTAIN REASON**

When a pupil of compulsory school age withdraws from school, the teacher of the pupil shall ascertain the reason.<sup>1</sup>

#### **REPORT TO DPP**

The teacher shall immediately report the withdrawal and the reason for it to the Superintendent's office (Director of Pupil Personnel).

#### **CHANGE OF RESIDENCE**

If the child has withdrawn because of residence, the next residence shall be ascertained and included in the report. The District shall notify the Kentucky Department of Education when a new student enrolls.<sup>1</sup>

#### **MISSING CHILDREN**

The Director of Pupil Personnel shall notify the Justice Cabinet of any request for the records of a student who has been flagged as missing.<sup>1</sup>

#### **PERMISSION REQUIRED**

Before an unmarried student between the ages of sixteen (16) and eighteen (18) may withdraw from school and terminate his/her education prior to graduation, s/he shall comply with the requirements of KRS 159.010.

A written permission for withdrawal shall be required from the parent, guardian, or other person residing in the state and having custody or charge of the student before the unmarried student may withdraw.

No written permission for withdrawal shall be required after the student's eighteenth (18th) birthday.<sup>2</sup>

Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, students between the ages of six (6) and eighteen (18) shall enroll and be in regular attendance in the schools to which they are assigned and shall be subject to compulsory attendance.<sup>2</sup>

#### **FOLLOW-UP BY DISTRICT PERSONNEL**

Within three (3) months of the date of a student's withdrawal from school, District personnel designated by the Superintendent shall contact each student between the ages of sixteen (16) and eighteen (18) who has withdrawn from school to encourage reenrollment in a regular, alternative, or GED preparation program. If the student does not reenroll at that time, personnel shall make at least one (1) more attempt toward reenrollment of the student before the beginning of the next school year.<sup>2</sup>

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**REFERENCES:**

<sup>1</sup>KRS 159.170; KRS 158.032

<sup>2</sup>KRS 159.010; KRS 159.020

**RELATED POLICY:**

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