LEGAL: THE 2013 GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDED KRS 159.010 TO ALLOW DISTRICTS TO SET THE DROP-OUT AGE AT 18 EFFECTIVE WITH THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: ADDITIONAL STUDENTS MAY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL STAFFING AND RESOURCES

STUDENTS 09.111

Withdrawals

TEACHER TO ASCERTAIN REASON

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

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If the child has withdrawn because of residence, the next residence shall be ascertained and included in the report.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.¹

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.¹

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.²

Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, sS tudents between the ages of six (6) and eighteen (18) shall enroll and be in daily attendance in the schools to which they are assigned and shall be subject to compulsory attendance.²

FOLLOW-UP BY DISTRICT PERSONNEL

Within three (3) months of the date of a student's <u>eligible voluntary</u> withdrawal from school, District personnel designated by the Superintendent shall contact each student <u>between the ages of sixteen (16) and eighteen (18)</u> who has withdrawn from school to encourage reenrollment in a regular, alternative, or GED preparation program.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.²

STUDENTS 09.111 (CONTINUED)

Withdrawals

REFERENCES:

¹KRS 159.170; KRS 158.032 ²KRS 159.010; KRS 159.020

RELATED POLICY:

09.122