

**COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE**

Under South Dakota law, children between the ages of 7 and 16 are of compulsory school age. It is the responsibility of every person having under their control a child between those ages to see to the child's attendance at school until the child has reached the age of 16, unless excused through alternate attendance.

The policy of the district shall be to vigorously pursue the attendance of all students of compulsory attendance. To that end, the district will pursue truancy charges against any person who does not see to the school attendance of a child in their 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.

**COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AGES**

Under South Dakota law, children between the ages of seven and 18 are of compulsory school age. It is the responsibility of every person having under their control a child between those ages to see to the child's attendance at school until the child has reached the age of 18, unless excused.

Any person who does not see to the school attendance of a child in their 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.

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*Note: An additional revision will be made in 2010 to include the change in state law relating to minimum age of attendance. SDCL [13-27-1](#) will require ages not younger than five or older than six as of September 1, 2010.*

Legal References: SDCL [13-27-1](#); [13-27-2](#); [13-27-11](#); [13-27-12](#); [13-27-16](#); [13-32-4.1](#)