

STUDENTSAge of Majority - Implications for SecondarySchool Operations

The Board of Education recognizes that when a student reaches the Age of Majority, he is afforded all of the rights and privileges of adulthood.

The adult as a student is a part of the school society and participates as all other students in shaping the school environment. Therefore, in order to serve the common good of the school community, it is necessary that they too accept the responsibility of adhering to the rules and regulations that have been established by the Board of Education for all students so that the school may continue to function in an educationally sound manner.

School administrators should explore ways in which those students who have attained the Age of Majority can participate as full citizens in our society and to afford them the opportunity to exercise those privileges which are consistent with the general operation of the school and the welfare of its students.

District and Building Procedural Guidelines

Students are not exempt from complying with any reasonable rule or policy enacted by the Board of Education because they have reached the Age of Majority. The Board of Education rules prohibit tobacco use in any district school building or on grounds, and also prohibit the use of alcoholic beverages or drugs, or being under the influence of same, within any school district building or on any school district owned site. These rules apply also to bus transportation for regular school attendance, extra curricular activities, and field trips. By statute school boards are authorized to make such rules, including rules pertaining to student conduct, or to delegate this rule-making function to the school district administrator or teachers. School rules made under the authority of these statutes are binding on pupils, regardless of age. Pupils who have reached the Age of Majority are subject to punishment including suspension and expulsion for breaches of discipline.

Students beyond the age of Majority will be held responsible and accountable for any and all actions in the same manner as any other adult.

A student beyond the Age of Majority electing to attend school in a district other than the residence of his parents, shall be subject to rules, regulations, and laws established by the state and local school district. For purposes of interscholastic athletic eligibility, WIAA regulations provide eligibility only at the school district which is the residence of the parents.

LEGAL REFERENCES:

453            Senate Bill (1971-72)  
118.15        Wisconsin Statutes (Compulsory Attendance)  
26th Amendment, Federal Constitution

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