

**POLICY E-2.1**  
**TRUANCY**

The building Principal or designee shall report students who are inexcusably absent from school to the appropriate authority.

Truancy is defined as any three consecutive unexcused absences, any five unexcused absences in a semester or seven unexcused absences in a school year, whichever comes first. School year means the period from July 1 to June 30. Students who are absent without a valid excuse for a significant part of any school day shall be considered truant.

Prior to reporting to either [DELETE: S.R.S.] [ADD: D.C.F.] (if the student is under 13) or the county or district attorney (if the student is 13 or more years of age [DELETE: but less than 18 years of age]), a letter shall be sent to the student's parent(s) or guardian notifying them that the student's failure to attend school without a valid excuse shall result in the student being reported truant.

**Waiver of Compulsory Attendance Requirements**

Students 16 or 17 years of age may be exempt from compulsory attendance regulations if the parent(s) or person acting as parent attend(s) the counseling session required by law and signs the appropriate consent and waiver form; if the student earns a GED; or if the student is exempt from compulsory attendance requirements pursuant to a court order.

**Involvement of Law Enforcement**

Law enforcement officers may return truant children to the school where the child is enrolled, to the child's parent or guardian or to another location designated by the Board to address truancy issues.

**Reporting to Parents**

If a truant child is returned to school by a law enforcement official, the Principal shall notify the parent or guardian.

**Dual Enrollment Students**

Eligible students who are enrolled in a Board-approved dual enrollment program shall not be considered truant, for the hours during the school day they attend classes at a Regent's university, community college, technical college, vocational educational school or Washburn University.

**WEST ELK USD #282  
PARENT CONSENT AND WAIVER FOR CHILD 16 OR OLDER TO BE EXEMPT  
FROM COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that  
(Name of Parent(s) or Person Acting As Parent)

pursuant to Kansas law, \_\_\_\_\_ is required to attend school until  
(Name of Student)

he/she receives a high school diploma or general educational development  
(GED) credential or reaches the age of 18, whichever occurs first.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 72-3120, as amended, Unified School District No. 282

encourages \_\_\_\_\_ to remain in school or to pursue an  
(Name of Student)

education alternative.

The academic skills listed below have not been achieved by

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Student)

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Based on the United States Department of Labor, the difference in future earning power between a high school graduate and a high school drop out is \$192 per week or \$9,984/year using 2017 educational attainment data.

\_\_\_\_\_ is encouraged to attend one of the following alternative  
(Name of Student)

education programs in order to aid \_\_\_\_\_ in obtaining a high school diploma, a general education development credential, or other certification of completion, such as a career technical education industry certification:

Contact information for accredited private schools, virtual schools, and virtual programs can be found at <http://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division-of-Learning-Services/Career-Standards-and-Assessment-Services/CSAS-Home/Graduation-and-Schools-of-Choice/Adult-Diploma-Completion/Information-For-Alternative-and-Adult-Learners>. An “alternative learning plan” could also include extended learning opportunities such as independent study, private instruction, performing groups, internships, community service, apprenticeships, and online coursework.

I (we) the undersigned hereby give written consent to allow \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Name of Student)

who is [16] [17] years of age, to be exempt from the Kansas compulsory attendance requirement and state we have attended the final counseling session conducted by USD No. 282 in which the above information was presented to us.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent(s) or Person  
Acting as Parent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**LIFETIME EARNINGS INFORMATION  
FOR HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS**

<b>Education Level</b>	<b>Total Lifetime Earnings</b>
<b>Less than high school diploma</b>	<b>\$1,052,647</b>
<b>High school diploma</b>	<b>\$1,418,890</b>
<b>Some college—no degree</b>	<b>\$1,702,780</b>
<b>Associate Degree</b>	<b>\$1,769,090</b>
<b>Bachelor's Degree</b>	<b>\$2,498,260</b>
<b>Master's Degree</b>	<b>\$2,865,460</b>
<b>Doctorate Degree</b>	<b>\$3,897,650</b>
<b>Professional Degree</b>	<b>\$5,137,355</b>
<b>Bachelor's Degree or higher</b>	<b>\$2,834,510</b>