West Ada School District, Meridian

STUDENT PERSONNEL

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PRINCIPLES
The mission of West Ada School District is to prepare today's students for tomorrow's challenges.

The board of trustees is committed to protecting the rights and promoting the welfare of all students.

These policies are designed to provide quality experiences for students in activities related to the educational program.

PHILOSOPHY
Since the course of study of our schools is based upon a normal amount of work for an average child who attends classes every day that school is in session, each child in expected to attend school regularly. Any deviation from regular attendance places the responsibility for justification of such deviation upon the pupil and his/her parent. It shall be the responsibility of the parent(s) to aid the school authorities in the enforcement of regular attendance.

Any child between the ages of seven (7) and sixteen (16) shall attend a public or private school each year.

Idaho Code 33-201 – SCHOOL AGE – The services of the public schools of this state are extended to any acceptable person of school age. "School age" is defined as including all persons resident of the state, between the ages of five (5) and twenty-one (21) years. For the purposes of this section, the age of five (5) years shall be attained when the fifth anniversary of birth occurs on or before the first day of September of the school year in which the child is to enroll in kindergarten. For a child enrolling in the first grade, the age of six (6) years must be reached on or before the first day of September of the school year in which the child's is to enroll. Any child of the age of five (5) years who has completed a private or public out-of-state kindergarten for the required four hundred fifty (450) hours but has not reached the "school age" requirement in Idaho shall be allowed to enter the first grade.

For resident children with disabilities who qualify for special education and related services under public law 94-142 and subsequent amendments thereto, and applicable state and federal regulations, "school age" shall begin at the attainment of age three (3) and shall continue through the semester of school in which the student attains the age of twenty-one (21) years.

Students who become twenty-one (21) on or before the first day of September will not be permitted to enroll for that school year, unless tuition is paid, based upon the amount of State Foundation funding for the school year enrolled.

Subject to administrator recommendation, persons twenty-one (21) years of age or older, may enroll as full-time students if tuition payments are made monthly, in advance. The tuition amount will be based upon the amount of the State Foundation funding for the school year. Persons over twenty-one (21) years of age will not be permitted to enroll on a part-time basis.
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