431 – <u>Student Attendance</u>

The School District of Green Lake, in accordance with the law, is committed to providing a quality education for every child and recognizes attendance is an integral part of a quality education.

In accordance with state law, any person having under his/her control any child between 6 and 18 years of age shall cause the child to attend school regularly during the first full period and hours that school is in session until the end of the term, quarter or semester in which the child becomes 18 years of age, unless he/she has been excused from school attendance as outlined in the procedure.

Those students who have reached the age of eighteen are considered adults by the State of Wisconsin. However, students living at home are still considered dependents of the parent(s) and the responsibility of the parent(s). If the parent wishes to allow his child to write his own excuses for absence he must notify the school in writing before this will be allowed. Students who are writing their own excuses will be required to follow the same rules for excused and unexcused absences stated above.

According to Wisconsin State Statute 118.16, students are required to attend school. Students who have unexcused absences part or all of any five (5) days out of ten (10) or who have unexcused absences part or all of five (5) days in any semester are considered habitual truants. These students will be dealt with according to outlined procedures.

The parent or guardian shall be notified by certified mail when the child is identified as habitually truant.

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Legal Reference: Section 118.15, 118.155, 118.153, 118.16, 118.162, 118.163, 118.18 and 948.45 of the Wisconsin State Statutes.

Cross References: 343.42 Youth Options Program; 347-Guidelines for the Maintenance and Confidentiality of Student Records; and 423 Public School Open Enrollment