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3 **STUDENTS**

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5 Compulsory Attendance

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7 Parents or legal guardians or legal custodians are responsible for seeing that their children who are age
8 seven (7) or older before the first (1st) day of school attend school until the later of the following dates:
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- 10 1. Child’s sixteenth (16th) birthday; or
- 11 2. Completion date of the work of eighth (8th) grade.

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13 The provisions above do not apply in the following cases:

- 14 (a) The child has been excused under one of the conditions specified in 20-5-102.
- 15 (b) The child is absent because of illness, bereavement, or other reason prescribed by the
- 16 policies of the trustees.
- 17 (c) The child has been suspended or expelled under the provisions of 20-5-202.
- 18 (d) The child is excused pursuant to Section 2 of 20-5-103.

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21 Compulsory attendance stated above will not apply when children:

- 22 1. Are provided with supervised correspondence or home study; or
- 23 2. Are excused because of a determination by a district judge that attendance is not in the
- 24 best interests of the child; or
- 25 3. Are enrolled in a non-public or home school; or
- 26 4. Are enrolled in a school in another district or state; or
- 27 5. Are excused by the Board on a determination that attendance after age of sixteen (16) is
- 28 not in the best interests of the child and the school.

29	Legal Reference:	§ 20-1-308, MCA	Religious instruction released time program
30		§ 20-5-101, MCA	Admittance of child to school
31		§ 20-5-102, MCA	Compulsory enrollment and excuses
32		§ 20-5-103, MCA	Compulsory attendance and excuses
33		§ 20-5-104, MCA	Attendance officer
34		§ 20-5-106, MCA	Truancy
35		§ 20-5-107, MCA	Incapacitated and indigent child attendance
36		§ 20-5-108, MCA	Tribal agreement with district for Indian child
37			compulsory attendance and other agreements
38		§ 20-5-202, MCA	Suspension and Expulsion
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