

# **Browning Public Schools**

## **Policy #3005**

Policy Name: *Compulsory Attendance and Admittance*

Regulation: -----

Browning Public Schools is an organization committed to serving students in a sound learning environment. Admittance and attendance policies are designed to contribute to creating a safe and orderly environment and increasing instructional time on task.

### **Compulsory Attendance**

Attendance in school is mandatory for all students in accordance with MCA 20-5-102, and/or Blackfeet Tribal Code 71-2004 whichever applies. The child shall attend the school in which enrolled for the school term and each day within the prescribed school year until the latter of the following dates: the child's 18th birthday. Exceptions to this will occur in the event the student is enrolled in another public school, enrolled in a home or nonpublic school that complies with MCA 20-5-109 or the child is excused from compulsory school attendance by the Board of Trustees or district judge. Enrollment shall occur within the first week of the school term unless the conditions noted above exist.

### **School Admittance**

*Early School Admittance* - Students who are residents of the district and who are at least 4 years of age on or before the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September for PreK students and 5 years of age on or before the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September will register and enroll in Browning Public Schools for Kindergarten students. Students younger than this age may enter school through Board of Trustee approval of early admittance. Action for early admittance will be based on assessment of the child's skills indicating potential success in a school environment.

*Immunization* - Proof of immunization and a birth certificate are required for admission to Browning Public Schools. However, immunization requirements may be waived if exemption is obtained for religious or health reasons through the State of Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services and appropriate documentation is provided.

*Admission to High School During the School Term* - All students may enter school at any given time during the school term.

*Admission to High School for Students 19 Years of Age or Older* - Students who are 19 years old before September 10<sup>th</sup> of the current school year are required to obtain Board approval prior to school entry. Students over the age of 19 must be approved annually in order to attend Browning Public Schools. Students who turn 21 while enrolled in school will be allowed to attend and finish the semester. If within one semester of graduation, the 21-year old student may be allowed to finish the semester in order to complete high school graduation requirements.

*Admission of Non-resident Students* – Residency will be determined for each student attempting to enroll in Browning Public Schools. Nonresident students must request Board permission to attend Browning Public Schools. All non-resident students who attempt to transfer to Browning Public Schools will be considered for acceptance except when the following conditions are evident:

- A student has been suspended, expelled, or refused registration as the result of possession of a weapon, a violent act, or distribution or sale of an illegal substance in another district;
- The student will not be considered for entry into Browning School District during the district of resident's consideration of a disciplinary action or duration of the disciplinary action.

### **Transfer**

Students who newly enter Browning Public Schools from a private or homebased school or who transfer back to the District after being out of school for a year or more are required to be assessed with curriculum-based measures from District developed grade level exit tests or course offerings at the secondary level. All students will be assessed with District writing, reading and math. Formal, normative individually administered assessment may be administered. Assessment will occur within 10 school days of school entry.

Secretaries are required to contact the school of transfer origin and determine whether the student received special education services, and ensure formal records request has occurred.

High school transcripts will be reviewed by the school counselor and recommendations summarized in written form. A summary and a copy of the transcripts will be prepared and provided to the high school principal for determination of credit acceptance. Acceptance of credit will be based on the criteria for course hours and content noted in the Montana Accreditation Standards.

### **Attendance**

In accordance with MCA 20-5-102 and/or Blackfeet Tribal Code and Resolution 71-2004 a student shall not voluntarily withdraw from school without having reached his/her 18th birthday or completing 8<sup>th</sup> grade whichever applies.

Students are considered truant after any third unexplained consecutive absence.

**Cross Reference:** #3010 Student Attendance/Tardy Policy  
(3/31/98 as Policy #3122)

**Legal Reference:** MCA 20-5-101 Admittance of a Child to School  
MCA 20-5-102 Compulsory Enrollment and Excuses  
MCA 20-5-103 Compulsory Attendance and Excuses  
MCA 20-5-108 Tribal Agreement with District for Indian Child  
Compulsory Attendance and Other Agreements  
MCA 20-5-109 Nonpublic School Requirements for Compulsory  
Enrollment Exemption  
MCA 20-5-110 School District Assessment for a Child Who Enrolls From a  
Non-Accredited, Non-Public School  
MCA 20-5-202 Suspension and Expulsion  
MCA 20-5-320 Attendance and Discretionary Approval  
MCA 20-5-403 Immunization Required- Release and Acceptance of  
Immunization Records  
MCA 20-5-405 Medical or Religious Exemption  
MCA 20-5-406 Immunization Record  
MCA 20-7-101 Standards of Accreditation  
71-2004 Tribal Code and Resolution

- 1 **Policy History:**
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