EARLY WITHDRAWAL

Students age 15 or older identified by themselves or staff as potential dropouts shall become a focus of attention in the following manner:

A. Each student and his/her counselor shall meet for the purpose of discussing the reason for desiring to withdraw from school and the student's plans for the future, including the educational, counseling and related services which are available within the school and/or community.

B. The counselor and the student's teachers shall meet to discuss the student's present status and to identify program modifications and/or options that will meet the student's present and future needs.

C. The student, parent, counselor, and principal shall review all pertinent information and the options that are available to the student and his/her parents. Reasonable efforts shall be made to persuade the student to remain in school and complete requirements for a diploma. If unsuccessful at that, staff shall attempt to find placement in an appropriate alternative educational setting. Failing that, the principal shall determine if there is sufficient ground to excuse the student from continued compulsory attendance. If there is, the principal shall recommend to the superintendent that the student be excused from further school attendance. No student under the age of 18 will be permitted to withdraw without the written consent of the parent/ guardian. The parent/guardian of a student of majority age will be informed of such withdrawal. The board directs the superintendent to submit an annual early withdrawal report which outlines the age and grade level for each student, the reason(s) for leaving and any follow-up data that has been collected after the student has withdrawn.

Cross References: Board Policy 2130 Program Evaluation
2140 Guidance and Counseling
2167 Drug and Alcohol Use/Abuse Program
2168 Remediation Program
2170 School Climate
3110 Age of Attendance
3122 Excused and Unexcused Absences

Legal References: RCW 28A.225.010 Attendance mandatory--Age--Persons having custody shall cause child to attend public school
28A.225.020 School's duties upon juvenile's failure to attend school