

**Kelsey School Division
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STUDENT WITHDRAWAL FROM SCHOOL

1. No parent, guardian, or other person is liable to any of the penalties of the Public Schools Act in respect of any child or any other person required by the Act to attend school regularly if:
 - a) the child is in regular attendance at a private school, as defined in *The Education Administration Act*
 - b) in the case of a child who is 16 years of age or older, the child is enrolled in an adult learning centre registered under *The Adult Learning Centres Act* and is taking a program of study leading to a high school diploma
 - c) the field representative certifies that in their opinion the child is currently receiving a standard of education at home or elsewhere equivalent to that provided in a public school;
 - d) the child is unable to attend school by reason of sickness or other unavoidable cause or is excluded from attendance due to an order made under *The Public Health Act* that requires a pupil who attends school in the School Division to refrain from attending school
 - e) the child is absent from school on any day regarded as a holy day by the church or religious denomination with which the child is affiliated
 - f) the principal of the school has suspended the child from the school and the suspension is still in effect;
 - g) the child has been expelled and has not been permitted to enrol in another school division;
 - h) the child has received, or has completed the necessary requirements to receive, a graduation diploma or certificate of completion, as defined in the regulations
 - i) the child is at least 17 years of age and is participating in an activity or program provided for in the regulations made under section 262.2;
 - j) the child is absent or excused from school as authorized under the Public Schools Act or a regulation made under the PSA or another enactment.

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2. A person is deemed not to be a child of compulsory school age if he or she, on the day the provincial school attendance regulations came into force, was 18 years of age or older; and had stopped attending school.
3. If a person begins attending school again, compliance with the attendance regulations is required.
4. The Minister may make regulations respecting activities and programs, including work training programs that provide educational benefits, in which a student who is at least 17 years old may participate instead of attending school. In such instances, conditions shall be established under which children may participate in an activity or program, criteria or standards for the activities or programs established, and monitoring and reporting on the child's participation prescribed, and how and to whom the reports are made.