

Williamson County Board of Education

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DROP-OUTS

1 The Board strongly urges every teacher, guidance counselor, Principal, parent and citizen to exert
2 all influence to keep all students in school at least through high school graduation.

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- 5 1. The instructional staff should recognize potential drop-outs and do everything possible to
6 give the necessary guidance to such students.
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- 8 2. The regular school program should be organized and modified to suit the student's needs
9 and aspirations.
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- 11 3. Conferences with parents may be necessary.
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- 13 4. Assistance should be sought to counsel such students for work-study programs.
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- 15 5. A student who has reached the age of 17, needing to withdraw from school before age 18,
16 must present to the Superintendent of Schools, a letter from the Principal and a letter from
17 his parents or guardians stating the reason for dropping out. The Superintendent of
18 Schools will thereupon make his recommendation to the Board.
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- 21 6. If a student does withdraw, assurance should be given that he may return to school at a
22 later date. Children who have attained their 17th birthday and whose continued
23 compulsory attendance, in the opinion of the Board, results in detriment to good order and
24 discipline and to the instruction of other students and is not of substantial benefit to such
25 children, may be excused from compulsory school attendance.
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- 28 7. Any child under age 18 applying for a Tennessee Driver's License must be in compliance
29 with the Tennessee Compulsory Attendance Law in order to receive or retain a Tennessee
30 Driver's License (TCA 49-6-3017).
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32 For the purpose of enforcement of TCA 49-6-3017, any student having 10 consecutive or
33 15 days total unexcused absences during a single semester shall be considered withdrawn
34 from school.

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36 The Superintendent of Schools may appoint Principals and/or Assistant Principals as
37 "Assistant Attendance Teachers" for the purpose of certifying the Certification of
38 Compulsory School Attendance.
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45 Legal Reference:

46 TCA 49-6-3005
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