Policy #448

STUDENTS OF LEGAL AGE

Waunakee Community School District

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Every student 18 years of age or older is an adult and shall be dealt with as such by the schools. Such students, however, shall comply with the school rules, pursue the prescribed courses of study, and submit to the authority of teachers and other school staff. Procedures, records disclosure and relationships with parents shall be identical to those established for all students regardless of student residence, except where the adult student has requested specific changes in writing in accordance with state law.

<u>Field Trips/Athletic Programs</u> - Approved forms for participation shall be required of all students. The form should indicate that the signature is that of the parent or of the adult student. Sponsors and/or coaches shall be required to confirm the ages of those students signing their own forms.

<u>Absence-Lateness-Truancy</u> - Absence notes, normally signed by parents or guardians, may be signed by students who are of legal age.

<u>Supervision/Exclusion</u> - Notification shall continue to be sent to parents or guardians of all such suspension or expulsions. Students of legal age, however, are permitted to represent themselves upon reinstatement to school following a suspension

<u>Withdrawal from School</u> - Students of legal age may withdraw from school under their own cognizance. Counselors shall continue to guide and counsel potential at risk students and encourage their continued attendance

<u>Permission to Inspect Student Records</u> - Students of legal age may request permission to inspect their personal school record but may review it only in accordance with state and federal laws.

Financial Responsibility – All students can be held financially responsible for damage to school property.

Students with Disabilities: Prior to a student with a disability turning 18, their parent(s)/guardian(s), will receive a notification that all rights will transfer to the student once they turn 18. At age 18, the student will be responsible for making all decisions related to future educational services, unless a legal guardian has been appointed. The parent(s)/guardian(s) will continue to receive any future notices required by state and federal laws and rules regarding educational programming.

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