

**EXCLUSIONS AND EXEMPTIONS FROM SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

The law provides for the exemption of students of compulsory school age from attendance when the child is provided with competent alternative instruction for a like period of time as would be provided by the public schools.

The board may issue a certificate of exemption for a student after an application for excuse has been made in writing. The certificate will state the reason for the excuse and the period for which it is issued. The board may immediately revoke a certificate of excuse, if, upon inspection by the Secretary of Education and Cultural Affairs, it is shown that the student is not being taught in compliance with the standards of state law.

Upon revocation or denial of a certificate of alternative instruction, the parent or legal guardian may appeal the decision to the State Board of Education, which will conduct a hearing. The State Board's decision will be final.

Established by law

LEGAL REFS.: SDCL 13-27-3; 13-27-7; 13-27-8; 13-27-9