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<b>STRAIT REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD</b> <i>Excellence in Lifelong Learning</i>  <b>POLICIES AND GUIDELINES</b>	<b>Student Attendance</b>	
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**STUDENT ATTENDANCE**  
**Students under Sixteen**

**According to *The Education Act and Regulations*, it is the duty of students over the age of six and under the age of sixteen to attend school regularly and punctually, and it is the duty of parents/guardians to cause their children to attend school. (*Governor in Council Education Act Regulations, Section 34*)**

**Exceptions:**

- if the child is being provided with a home education program in accordance with the *Regulations*;
- if the child is enrolled in and in attendance at a private school operating in compliance with the *Education Act*;
- if an exemption is granted for employment or other reasons in accordance with the *Regulations*;
- if the child is temporarily unable to attend school because of physical or mental health or other unavoidable causes, subject to evidence being provided by the parent or a doctor;
- if the child is excused or prohibited from attending pursuant to the *Health Act*.

Parents or guardians have a duty and liability to require their children under the age of sixteen to attend school, and may be charged with an offence under the *Education Act* if they fail to carry out this duty.

**The guidelines for excused and unexcused absences as provided in Policy IV-E-5** apply to all students who are enrolled in schools under the jurisdiction of the Strait Regional School Board, regardless of age. School administration and teachers are expected to take into account the circumstances of each situation when applying the guidelines.