

	STUDENTS	IV-E-4
<p style="text-align: center;">STRAIT REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD <i>Excellence in Lifelong Learning</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>POLICIES AND GUIDELINES</i></p>	<p>Student Attendance STUDENTS SIXTEEN AND OVER</p>	
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STUDENT ATTENDANCE
Students Sixteen and Over

POLICY STATEMENT

The Strait Regional School Board expects students to participate fully in learning opportunities and to conduct themselves in a manner that will enhance the learning environment. Regular and punctual attendance of all students is critical if the school and its students are to meet their objectives for teaching and learning.

Although students who are sixteen years of age and over, and their parents, are not subject to the attendance penalties contained in *The Education Act* and *Regulations under the Education Act*, the Board believes that consistently applied and clearly communicated attendance policies, guidelines and consequences are a significant component of school culture. [Reference: Provincial School Code of Conduct and School Code of Conduct Guidelines]

Attendance expectations therefore apply to all students, including those who may be over the age of 21, as will the consequences of failure to meet those expectations. Requirements for communication with parents, as described in this policy, may be waived when students are not residing with parents/guardians.