



# Mitchell School District 17-2 POLICY

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## **COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AGES**

**MSD 1011**

Under South Dakota law, children between the ages of 6 and 18 are of compulsory school age. It is the responsibility of every person having under their control a child between those ages to see to the child's attendance at school, unless excused.

All children shall attend Kindergarten prior to age seven. Any child who transfers from another state may proceed in a continuous educational program without interruption if the child has not previously attended Kindergarten.

Any person who does not see to the school attendance or alternative instruction of a child in their care may be guilty of a misdemeanor and if convicted, may be subject to a fine as established by law.

No student will be denied the right of attending school without due process of law.

LEGAL REFS.: SDCL 13-27-1; 13-27-2; 13-27-11; 13-27-12; 13-27-16  
13-32-4.1

6/28/10 revision changed compulsory attendance age from 16 to 18.  
9/13/21 revision clarified the 'Kindergarten' exception for enrollment.

