

## **State of Michigan Compulsory School Attendance Laws**

**SEC. 1561. (1)** Except as otherwise provided in this section, for a child who turned age 11 before December 1, 2009 or who entered grade 6 before 2009, The child's parent, guardian, or other person in this state having control and charge of the child shall send that child to a public school during the entire school year from the age of 6 to the child's sixteenth birthday. Except as otherwise provided in this section, for a child who turns age 11 on or after December 1, 2009 or a child who was age 11 before that date and enters grade 6 in 2009 or later, the child's parent, guardian, or other person in this state having control and charge of the child shall send the child to a public school during the entire school year from the age of 6 to the child's eighteenth birthday. The child's attendance shall be continuous and consecutive for the school year fixed by the school district in which the child is enrolled. In a school district that maintains school during the entire calendar year and in which the school year is divided into quarters, a child is not required to attend the public school more than 3quarters in 1 calendar year, but a child shall not be absent for 2 or more consecutive quarters. Michigan Compiled Laws Section 380.1561(1).

**SEC. 732.** In the following cases, children shall not be required to attend the public schools: (a) Any child who is attending regularly and is being taught in a private, parochial or denominational school which has complied with all the provisions of this act and teaches subjects comparable to those taught in the public schools of children corresponding in age and grade, as determined by the course of study for the public school of the district within which such private, denominational or parochial school is located.

**SEC. 1571. (3)** An Attendance Officer of an intermediate school district or a local school district shall have the powers of a deputy sheriff within the district or intermediate school district while performing official duties. Michigan Compiled Laws Section 380.1571(3).

**SEC. 1586. (2)** If a child is repeatedly absent from school without valid excuse, or is failing in schoolwork or gives evidence of behavior problems, and attempts to confer with the parent or other person in parental relationship to the child fail, the superintendent of schools, or the intermediate superintendent in a district which does not employ a superintendent, may request the attendance officer to notify the parent or other person in parental relationship by registered mail to come to the school or to a place designated at a time specified to discuss the child's irregularity in attendance, failing work, or behavior problems with the proper school authorities.

**SEC. 1587.** If a parent or other person in parental relation fails to send a child under his or her control to the public school or other school listed under section 1561, the attendance officer, upon receiving notice from proper authority of that fact, shall give written notice in person or by registered mail to the parent or other person in parental relation requiring the child to appear at the public school or other school on the next regular school day following the receipt of notice, and to continue in regular and consecutive attendance in school. The attendance officer shall notify the intermediate superintendent or superintendent of schools of the service of notice. The intermediate superintendent or superintendent of schools shall notify the attendance officer of the failure on the part of the parent or other person in parental relation to comply with the notice.

History: 1976, Act 451, Imd. Eff. Jan 13, 1977.

**SEC. 1588.** The attendance officer, after giving the formal notice prescribed in Section 1587, shall determine whether the parent or other person in parental relation has complied with the notice. The attendance officer shall make a complaint against the parent or other person in parental relation having the legal charge and control of the child who fails to comply to the Court having jurisdiction in the county of residence for refusal or neglect to send the child to school. The Court shall issue a warrant upon the complaint and shall proceed to hear and determine it in the same manner as is provided for other cases under its jurisdiction. Michigan Compiled Laws Section 380.1588.

**SEC. 1599.** A parent or other person in parental relation who fails to comply with this part is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$50.00, or imprisonment for not less than 2 nor more than 90 days or both. Michigan Compiled Laws Section 380.1599.

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I am available for IEP meetings.

\_\_\_\_\_ please call me at the telephone number listed at the bottom of this page, if I am not there please leave a message with a call back telephone number. I have received an attendance referral on \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_. Time: \_\_\_\_\_.

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