

## WITHDRAWAL FROM SCHOOL

The School Board affirms that, while Indiana Law requires attendance of each student until eighteen (18) years of age, it is in the best interests of both the students and the community that they complete the educational program that will equip them with skills and increase their chances for a successful and fulfilling life beyond the schools.

The Board directs that whenever a student, sixteen (16) to eighteen (18) years of age, wishes to withdraw from school, the student may not withdraw from school unless the student, the student's parent or guardian, and the principal agree to the withdrawal and the parent or guardian and the principal provide written consent for the student to withdraw from school. If the principal (this duty may not be delegated to a designee) does not consent to the student's withdrawal, the student's parent may appeal the denial to the Board.

Further, an exit interview will be conducted prior to a student between the ages of sixteen (16) and eighteen (18) who desires to withdraw from school. The following individuals shall attend the exit interview:

- A. the student;
- B. the parent(s);
- C. the principal.

The exit interview will include a determination of whether or not the student is withdrawing for reason of financial hardship, requiring the student to be employed to support the student's family or a dependent, illness, or an order by a court that has jurisdiction over the student.

During the exit interview, the individual(s) designated by the Board to attend, shall provide the student and the student's parent(s) a copy of statistics concerning the likely consequences of life without a high school diploma. Additionally, the principal shall advise the student and the student's parent that the student's withdrawal from school may prevent the student from receiving or result in the revocation of the student's employment certificate and driver's license or learner's permit.

The Superintendent may develop a withdrawal form which is to be signed by the student, his/her parent, and the principal in accordance with this policy.

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Western Wayne Schools, Wayne County, Indiana

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