



Legal References: *Education Act*

21. (1) Compulsory attendance -- Unless excused under this section,

- (a) Every child who attains the age of six years on or before the first school day in September in any year shall attend an elementary or secondary school on every school day from the first school day in September in that year until the child attains the age of 18 years; and
- (b) Every child who attains the age of six years after the first school day in September in any year shall attend an elementary or secondary school on every school day from the first school day in September in the next succeeding year until the last school day in June in the year in which the child attains the age of 18 years.

(2) When attendance excused -- A child is excused from attendance at school if,

- (a) The child is receiving satisfactory instruction at home or elsewhere;
- (b) The child is unable to attend school by reason of sickness or other unavoidable cause;
- (d) The child has obtained a secondary school graduation diploma or has completed a course that gives equivalent standing;
- (e) The child is absent from school for the purpose of receiving instruction in music and the period of absence does not exceed one-half day in any week;
- (f) The child is suspended, expelled or excluded from attendance at school under any Act or under the regulations;
- (g) The child is absent on a day regarded as a holy day by the church or religious denomination to which the child belongs; and/or excused Anishinabe recognized Spiritual/cultural events;
- (h) The child is absent or excused as authorized under this Act and the regulations.

265. (1) Duties of principal -- It is the duty of a principal of a school, in addition to the principal's duties as a teacher,

- (a) **Discipline** -- to maintain proper order and discipline in the school;
- (b) **Co-operation** -- to develop co-operation and co-ordination of effort among the members of the staff of the school;
- (c) **Register pupils and record attendance** -- to register the pupils and to ensure that the attendance of pupils for every school day is recorded either in the register supplied by the Minister in accordance with the instructions contained therein or in such other manner as is approved by the Minister;

Child and Family Services Act

Abuse, failure to provide for reasonable care, etc.

79. (3) No person having charge of a child less than sixteen years of age shall

leave the child without making provision for his or her supervision and care that is reasonable in the circumstances.

Reverse onus

(4) Where a person is charged with contravening subsection (3) and the child is less than ten years of age, the onus of establishing that the person made provision for the child's supervision and care that was reasonable in the circumstances rests with the person.

(N.B. Babysitters must be 12 or over).