

● **SCHOOL ATTENDANCE LAW**

STATUTORY CITATION: N.D. Cent. Code §§ 15.1-20-01 – 15.1-20-04

GENERAL SUMMARY: Every parent, guardian or other person who resides within a North Dakota school district and has control over a child between the ages of 7 and 16 not otherwise exempted from attendance must send the child to a public or approved non-public school for the entire length of the public school session.

PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO AGRICULTURE: Except where a child's employment has been found by the local school board to be necessary to the support of the family, the obligation to assure school attendance generally applies without regard to the employment status or occupational classification of the parent, guardian or child.

ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

PRIMARY ENFORCEMENT AGENCY — The compulsory school attendance law is enforced by teachers and administrators of the local school districts. If, after investigation by a school administrator, the absence of a child in the affected age bracket cannot be legally justified by the child's custodian, the violation must be reported to local law enforcement authorities.

SECONDARY OR ASSOCIATED ENFORCEMENT AGENCY — *None.*