

**Waiver of School Attendance Form**

Maine’s compulsory attendance law (20-A M.R.S.A. § 5001-A) requires between the ages of 7 and 17 to attend public school, with certain specific exceptions. One exception is for a student who meets all of the following conditions.

1. He/she has reached the age of 15 years or completed the ninth grade;
2. He/she has parental permission to leave school;
3. He/she has been approved by the principal for a suitable program of work and study or training;
4. He/she has permission to leave school from the School Board or its designee; and
5. He/she agrees in writing with his/her parent and School Board/designee to meet annually until his/her 17<sup>th</sup> birthday to review his/her educational needs. (20-A M.R.S.A. § 5001-A, Paragraph B)

This form must be completed and appropriate documentation attached for any request for a waiver of school attendance based on allowable exception described above.

**Student Request and Agreement**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have reached the age of 15 (attach a copy of birth certificate) and/or completed ninth grade (if neither does not apply, please cross it out) and request a waiver of school attendance. I hereby agree that I will meet with the School Board or its designee annually until my 17<sup>th</sup> birthday to review my educational needs.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Parent Permission and Agreement**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_ to leave school. I hereby agree that I will meet with my child and the School Board or its designee annually until his/her 17<sup>th</sup> birthday to review his/her educational needs.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Principal Approval or Denial of Request**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, approve/deny the request of \_\_\_\_\_ to leave school for a program of work and study or training. (Attach documentation of program. If request is denied, attach reasons.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Principal

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Superintendent Permission or Denial of Request**

On behalf of M.S.A.D. #3 School Board, I Joseph C. Mattos, Superintendent of Schools, hereby give permission to \_\_\_\_\_ to leave school for a program of work and study or training as approved by the Principal. The Board or its designee will meet annually with the student and his/her parent until his/her 17<sup>th</sup> birthday to review his/her educational needs.

On behalf of M.S.A.D. #3 School Board, I Joseph C. Mattos, Superintendent of Schools, hereby deny \_\_\_\_\_'s request to leave school. (If request is denied, attach reasons.) The student's parent has the right to appeal this decision to the Maine Commissioner of Education.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Superintendent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Cc: Student File  
Director of Pupil Services

Reference: Policy JEA Compulsory Attendance