

**STUDENTS LEARNERS ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTION**  
(HOME SCHOOL)

State law requires that children of compulsory school age must regularly attend some public school or non-public school, unless excused from school attendance. Upon filing of a notification with a school official from the parent or guardian of the child because the child is otherwise provided with alternative instruction for an equivalent period of time, as in the Brookings School District, in the basic skills of language arts and mathematics, the child shall be excused, without the necessity of school board action. The secretary of the Department of Education may inspect the attendance records and records showing academic progress of an alternative education program with fourteen days' written notice if the secretary has probable cause to believe the program is not in compliance with this section. Failure to provide instruction is grounds for the school board, upon thirty days' notice, to revoke the excuse from school attendance.

The notification of alternative instruction must be submitted on the SD DOE notification form and filed annually with the Brookings School District.

NOTE: The DOE Form, Public School Exemption Certificate, can be found on the SD DOE website under "Home School."

**Legal References:** [SDCL 13-27-1](#) (Responsibility of person controlling child for school attendance)  
[SDCL 13-27-2](#) (Attendance excused by school board)  
[SDCL 13-27-29](#) (Placement of child who has attended unaccredited school or alternative program)  
[SDCL 13-27-3](#) (Child excused if provided alternative instruction)  
[SDCL 13-27-7](#) (Applications for excuse from attendance)  
[SDCL 13-27-8](#) (Appeal on attendance matters to state board)  
[SDCL 13-27-9](#) (Record of certificates of excuse from attendance)

**Cross References:** JECAA: Admission of New Residents and **Students Learners** from Unaccredited Schools

<b>1st Reading:</b>	<b>12/13/1995</b>
<b>2nd Reading/Adopted:</b>	<b>01/08/1996</b>
<b>1st Reading:</b>	<b>09/14/2009</b>
<b>2nd Reading/Adopted:</b>	<b>10/13/2009</b>
<b>1st Reading:</b>	<b>03/08/2010</b>
<b>2nd Reading/Adopted:</b>	<b>04/12/2010</b>
<b>Reviewed:</b>	<b>08/12/2013</b>
<b>1st Reading:</b>	<b>02/08/2021</b>
<b>2nd Reading/Adopted:</b>	<b>03/16/2021</b>
<b>Notification:</b>	<b>06/14/2021</b>
<b>1st Reading:</b>	<b>07/19/2021</b>
<b>2nd Reading:</b>	<b>08/09/2021</b>