




## Wyoming Department of Education

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### MEMORANDUM NO. 2010-106

**TO:** School District Superintendents  
School Principals  
Guidance Counselors

**FROM:** Joe Simpson  
Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction 

**DATE:** May 14, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Compulsory School Attendance

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### \*\*\*IMPORTANT INFORMATION\*\*\*

The Wyoming Legislature amended the law which addresses Compulsory Attendance during the 2010 Legislative Session. The amended Wyo. Stat. § 21-4-102 is effective July 1, 2010, and accomplishes the following:

- It amends the compulsory school attendance law which requires parents/guardians to send their children to public or private school between the ages of seven through sixteen, or through completion of the tenth grade;
- In addition to requiring attendance for all children ages seven through sixteen or through the completion of tenth grade, parents/guardians are now required to meet with a school district representative regarding any child under the age of eighteen who is withdrawing from school attendance, and to provide the district with written consent to the child's withdrawal;
- Consent requirement is not applicable to any parent/guardian notifying the district that the child is enrolling in another district or in a private school or home-based educational program;

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Please see 2010 Wyoming Sessions Laws, Ch. 0025 (HEA0021), effective July 1, 2010, for this amendment in its entirety, a copy of which is included for your convenience.

If you have questions regarding this requirement or the enclosed information, please contact Jo Ann Numoto at 307-777-7222 or [jnumot@edu.state.wy.us](mailto:jnumot@edu.state.wy.us).

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Attachment

ORIGINAL HOUSE BILL NO.  
0109

ENROLLED ACT NO. 21, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING 2010 BUDGET SESSION

AN ACT relating to compulsory school attendance; requiring parental consent to a child's withdrawal from school attendance as specified; and providing for an effective date.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

**Section 1.** W.S. 21-4-102 by creating a new subsection (c) is amended to read:

**21-4-102. When attendance required; exemptions; withdrawal.**

(c) In addition to subsection (a) of this section, the parent, guardian or other person having control or charge of any child under the age of eighteen (18), who has not otherwise notified the district of enrolling that child in a different school district or in a private school or home-based educational program, shall meet in person with a school district counselor or administrator to provide the school district with written consent to the withdrawal of that child from school attendance.

**Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2010. (END)

