



STUDENTS: Promotion and Retention

Leaving School Prior to Graduation

I. Philosophy

- A. The Board of Education of Baltimore County (Board) expects all students to graduate from high school. Baltimore County Public Schools' (BCPS) staff should interview students who intend to withdraw and their parents or guardians to encourage students to remain enrolled in school or to enroll in an alternative school program. Students who withdraw should be assisted in accessing alternative programs.

Legal References: *Annotated Code of Maryland*, Education Article §7-301,  
*Compulsory Attendance*  
COMAR 13A.08.01.07, *Student Withdrawal Status*

Policy  
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