

WITHDRAWAL FROM SCHOOL

The School Board affirms that, while Indiana Law requires attendance of each student until eighteen (18) years of age, it is in the best interests of both the students and the community that they complete the educational program that will equip them with skills and increase their chances for a successful and fulfilling life beyond the schools.

Under Indiana law, any student who is at least sixteen (16) years of age but is not yet eighteen (18) years of age, may withdraw from school prior to graduation after an exit interview with the student's parent or guardian is conducted with the school principal. The Board authorizes the assistant principal and guidance director to also attend the exit interviews for students enrolled at Carroll Junior/Senior High School. At this exit interview, a determination will be made by the principal as to whether or not the withdrawal is due to financial hardship. **If it is not due to financial hardship**, the student's name will be reported to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles upon withdrawal from school and the student will be ineligible for a driver's permit or license or his/her driver's permit or license will be revoked until the student's eighteen (18) birthday.

The Board directs that whenever a student wishes to withdraw from school, efforts should be made to determine the underlying reason for such action and the resources of the Corporation should be used, when and as appropriate, to assist the student in reaching his/her career goals.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures for withdrawal from school which:

- A. make counseling services available to any student who wishes to withdraw;
- B. make efforts to satisfy the student's future educational needs;
- C. help the student define his/her own educational life goals and help plan the realization of those goals;
- D. inform the student of the G.E.D.;
- E. inform the student of the Indiana work permit procedure;
- F. assure the timely return of all Corporation-owned supplies and equipment in the possession of the student.