A Guide for Withdrawing 17 Year Old Students

In accordance with revisions to LA RS 17:221 passed during the Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature of 2008 (Act 742), a student between the ages of 17 and 18 years of age may withdraw from school prior to graduation if both of the following circumstances exist:

- Written consent is granted by his parent, tutor or legal guardian
- An exit interview is conducted where the student and his parent, tutor or legal guardian provide written acknowledgement that withdrawal from school shall likely reduce the student’s future earning potential and increase the student’s likelihood of being unemployed in the future. During such exit interview, a student who is withdrawing from school shall be given information that has been prepared and supplied by the Louisiana Workforce Commission regarding available training and employment opportunity programs, provided such information is available (not currently available).

The following process should be followed to withdraw a 17 year old student from Lafayette Parish Public Schools:

1. The parent/legal guardian of a student initiates the request to withdraw the student from school.
2. The counselor/administrator/designee conducts a counseling session to discuss the student’s withdrawal from school.
3. The counselor/administrator/designee has parent and student sign acknowledgement form.
4. Parent and student are provided with information regarding community resources for continued education/training (will include information from Louisiana Workforce Commission when made available).
5. Acknowledgment form is filed in cumulative file and student is withdrawn. Use code L5 (Dropout) unless you are provided information student is enrolling in Adult Education. If you receive proof that student is enrolling in Adult Education (request for records, acceptance letter) then withdrawal code would be T1 (Transfer to Adult Education).