

**Age of Attendance**

Attending a school of the district shall be recognized as a right and responsibility for those who meet the requirements prescribed by law.

Every resident of the district who satisfies the minimum entry age requirement and is less than twenty-one (21) years of age has the right to attend the district's schools until he/she completes high school graduation or individualized education plan (IEP) requirements.

Children of age eight (8) and less than age eighteen (18) are required by law to attend an approved private or public school unless they are receiving approved home-schooled instruction. Parents of any child six (6) or seven (7) years old, who have enrolled the child in school, shall cause the child to attend school for the full time when such school may be in session, unless the child is formally withdrawn from enrollment by the parents. Under certain circumstances, children who are at least sixteen (16) and less than eighteen (18) years of age may be excused from further attendance at school. The superintendent shall exercise her/his authority to grant exceptions when he/she determines that the student:

1. is regularly and lawfully employed and either the parent(s)/guardian(s) agrees that the student should be excused or is emancipated; or
2. has met graduation requirements; or
3. has received a certificate of educational competence (RCW 28A.305.190).

A resident student who has been granted an exception retains the right to enroll as a part-time student and shall be entitled to take any course, receive any ancillary service, and take or receive any combination of courses and ancillary services which are offered by a public school to full-time students.

The board directs the superintendent to prepare appropriate regulations to implement this policy.

**Cross Reference:**

(cf.: 3114 – Part-time, Home-based or Off Campus)

(cf.: 3120 – Compulsory Attendance)

(cf.: 3122 – Excused or Unexcused Absences)

Legal Reference:

- RCW 13.64           Emancipation of minors  
RCW 28A.225.010(e) Authority mandatory - Age - Person having custody shall  
                          cause child to attend public schools - When excused  
RCW 28A.225.020   School duties upon juveniles/ failure to attend school  
RCW 28A.225.080   Employment permits  
RCW 28A.225.090   Penalties in general--Defense--Suspension of fine--Complaints to court  
RCW 28A.305.190   Eligibility to take general education development test
- WAC 180-51-020    Additional local standards  
WAC 393-134-010   Attendance rights of part-time public school students.  
AGO 1980 No. 6    Truancy--Enforcement of compulsory attendance law

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