

Compulsory Attendance

Parents of any child between eight (8) and eighteen (18) years of age shall cause such child to attend school. The child shall have the responsibility to attend full time when school may be in session unless the child is enrolled in an approved private school, is enrolled in an education center, or is receiving 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cause the child to attend school for the full time when such school may be in session, unless the child is formally withdrawn from enrollment by the parents.

Exceptions may be granted by the superintendent for a child who is sixteen (16) years of age or older and:

1. is regularly and lawfully employed and either the parent(s)/guardian(s) agrees that the student should not be required to attend school, or the student is emancipated in accordance with RCW 13.64; or
2. has met graduation requirements; or
3. has received a certificate of educational competence (RCW 28A.305.190).

The district shall not require enrollment for either (1.) a minimum number of semesters or trimesters or (2.) a minimum number of courses in a semester or trimester which exceeds the enrollment time or courses necessary for a student to meet established course, credit, and test requirements for high school graduation.

Cross References:

(cf.: 3110 – Age of Attendance)

(cf.: 3114 – Part-time, Home-schooled, or Off-campus Students)

(cf.: 3121 – Early Withdrawal)

(cf.: 3122 – Excused and Unexcused Absences)

Legal References:

RCW 28A.205 Education Centers

RCW 28A.225.010 Attendance mandatory - Age - Persons having custody shall cause child to attend public school - When excused

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

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