

STUDENTS

Age of Attendance

Attending the schools 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 21 years of age has the right to attend the district's schools until he/she completes high school graduation requirements.

Children of age 8 and less than age 18 are required by law to attend an approved private or public school, unless they are receiving approved home-based instruction. Under certain circumstances children who are at least 16 and less than 18 years of age may be excused from further attendance at school. The superintendent shall exercise his/her authority to grant exceptions when he/she determines that the student:

1. Is physically or mentally unable to attend school;
2. Is regularly and lawfully employed and either the parent agrees that the child should not be required to attend school, or the child has been emancipated in accordance with Chapter 13.64 RCW;
3. Is attending a residential institution;
4. Has satisfied graduation requirements in accordance with the state board of education; or
5. Has received a certificate of educational competence in accordance with the state board of education.

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 services and take or receive any combination of courses and ancillary services which is offered by a public school to full-time students.

Cross References:	Board Policy No.3111	Age of Entrance	
		3114 Part-Time, Home-Based or Off-Campus Students	
		3122 Excused and Unexcused Absence	
Legal References:	RCW	28A.225.010	Attendance mandatory—Age—Person having custody shall cause child to attend public school—When excused
		28A.225.020	School's duties upon juvenile's failure to attend school
		28A.225.160	Attendance age eligibility
	WAC	392-134-010	Attendance rights of part-time public school students
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