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COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

Any child who will reach six years of age prior to January 1 of the current year and who has not reached eighteen years of age shall meet the requirements of mandatory school attendance. Any such child shall attend the academic program on a regular basis, unless a written request to drop the child from the school rolls is made by the parent, guardian or other person having charge, control or custody of the child.

Any child who is a resident of the school district and who is of mandatory attendance age must by law regularly attend a public, private, parochial, home school or a combination of such schools not less than the entire school term of the school(s) which the child attends.. Attendance is not mandatory for a child who: (1) has obtained a high school diploma by meeting statutory graduation requirements; (2) has completed the program of instruction offered by a school which elects pursuant to law not to meet accreditation or approval requirements; (3) has reached the age of 18. A person who has legal or actual charge or control of a child who is at least 16 years of age but less than 18 years of age may withdraw the child from school before graduation and be exempt from mandatory attendance requirements if an "exit interview" is conducted and a "withdrawal form" is signed and submitted. The form is to be prescribed by the Commissioner of Education.

Upon the written request of any person who has legal or actual charge or control of a child who is at least 16 years of age but less than 18 years of age, the superintendent of a school district or designee must conduct the exit interview for any student enrolled in a school operated by the school district and those students who reside in the school district but enrolled in a private school, denominational, or parochial school.

At the exit interview, the person making the written request must present evidence that (a) the person has legal or actual charge or control of the child and (b) the child would be withdrawing due to either:

1. financial hardships requiring the child to be employed to support the child's family or one or more dependents of the child, or
2. an illness of the child making attendance impossible or impracticable.

Withdrawal to Age 6

The parent/guardian of any child who will not reach six years of age prior to January 1 of the current school year and who is enrolled, may discontinue that enrollment according to procedures provided by the district.

Minimum Age

A child shall be eligible for admission into kindergarten at the beginning of the school year if the child is five years of age or will be five years of age on or before July 31 of the calendar year in which the school year for which the child is seeking admission begins.

The approval of the board is required for the admission of non-resident pupils.

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