

4.03 – COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT - School Board Policy

Every parent, legal guardian, person having lawful control of the child, or person standing in loco parentis of any child **age five (5) through seventeen (17) years on or before August 1** of that year who resides, as defined by policy (4.1---RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS), within the District shall enroll the child and ensure the attendance of the child at a District school with the following exceptions.

- (1) The child is enrolled in a private or parochial school.
- (2) The child is being home-schooled, and the conditions of policy (4.6---HOME SCHOOLING) have been met.
- (3) The child will not be age six (6) on or before August 1 of that particular school year and the parent, legal guardian, person having lawful control of the child, or person standing in loco parentis of the child elects not to have him/her attend kindergarten. A kindergarten waiver form prescribed by regulation of the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education must be signed and on file with the District administrative office.
- (4) The child has received a high school diploma or its equivalent as determined by the State Board of Education.
- (5) The child is age sixteen (16) or above and is enrolled in a post-secondary vocational-technical institution, a community college, or a two-year or four-year institution of higher education.
- (6) The child is age sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) and has met the requirements to enroll in an adult

Education program as defined by A.C.A. § 6-18-201 (b).

Legal Reference: A.C.A. § 6-18-201 A.C.A. § 6-18-207

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