

QUALIFICATIONS OF ATTENDANCE

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:

- A. 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.
- B. Is attending a residential institution,
- C. Has satisfied graduation requirements in accordance with the state board of education, or
- D. Has received a certificate of educational competence in accordance with the rules of 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.

Entrance Qualifications

To be admitted to a kindergarten program which commences in the fall of the year a child must be not less than 5 years of age prior to September 1 of that school year. To be admitted to a first grade program which commences in the fall of the year a child must be not less than 6 years of age prior to September 1 of that school year. Any student not otherwise eligible for entry to the first grade who has successfully completed a state-approved kindergarten program of 450 or more hours including instruction in language arts, arithmetic, and reading may be placed in a temporary classroom assignment for the purposes of evaluation prior to making a final determination of the student's appropriate placement. Such determination shall be made no later than the 30th calendar day following the student's first day of attendance.

Admission of Students Aged Twenty-One or Older

A student aged 21 or older may enroll in a school in the district under the following conditions:

- A. There is available space in the school and program which the student shall attend;
- B. Tuition is prepaid;
- C. The student provides his/her own transportation;
- D. The student resides in the state of Washington; and
- E. In the judgment of the superintendent, no adult education program is available at reasonable costs and the district's program is appropriate to the needs of the student.

Cross References: Board Policy 3114 Part-time, Home-based or Off-campus Students
3121 Compulsory Attendance
3122 Excused or Unexcused Absences

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 Qualification for admission to district's schools

WAC 392-335 Uniform Entry Qualifications
392-134-010 Attendance rights of part-time public school students
392-137- Finance – Nonresident attendance

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