

4.3—COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

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 and send the child to a District school with the following exceptions:

1. The child is enrolled in 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 waver 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).

Student Attendance During Alternative Methods of Instruction (AMI) Days

Students will be counted present for each part of the day for which completed work is returned to the teacher by the end of the third day following an AMI day. Attendance records from the school office will be used to maintain accurate records.

Student work from AMI days will be graded by the teacher and recorded as classwork. Not submitting the completed work within the allocated time with no communication about extenuating circumstances will result in an unexcused absence for elementary students, and a “0” being assigned for the work in addition to the unexcused absence for secondary students. The school principal will make the final decision on excused/unexcused absences, in accordance with the district handbook.

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

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