

Students**AGES OF ATTENDANCE**

Consistent with state law, the Board of Education shall provide education for all persons five years of age and older and under twenty-one years of age who have not graduated from a high school or vocational school, except as provided in Connecticut General Statutes 10-233c and 10-233d. Special education will be provided for children age three to five experiencing a developmental delay that causes such child to require special education.

Attendance Required

The parent or other person having control of a child five years of age and over and under eighteen years of age shall cause such child to attend a public school regularly during the hours and terms the public school is in session, unless such child is a high school graduate or the parent or person having control of such child is able to show that the child is elsewhere receiving equivalent instruction in the students taught in the public schools.

The parent or person having control of a child five years of age shall have the option of not sending the child to school until the child is six years of age and the parent or person having control of a child six years of age shall have the option of not sending the child to school until the child is seven years of age. This option may be exercised by personally appearing at the school district office and signing an option form; the school district shall provide that parent or person with information on the educational opportunities available within the school system. (Appendix A)

Option to withdraw from enrollment at age 17

The parent or person having control of a child seventeen years of age may consent to such child's withdrawal from school. Such parent or person shall personally appear at the school district office and sign a withdrawal form. (Appendix B) The withdrawal form shall include an attestation from a guidance counselor or school-based administrator that the school district has provided such parent or person with information on the educational opportunities available in the school system and in the community.

Readmission after voluntary withdrawal

If a student voluntarily withdraws from enrollment in school and subsequently seeks readmission within ten (10) school days, the student must be provided school accommodations within three (3) school days after the student seeks readmission. If a student subsequently seeks readmission more than ten (10) school days after terminating, the Board of Education may deny school accommodations for up to ninety (90) school days from the date of the withdrawal.

Entrance Age - The minimum age for admission of any child to kindergarten shall be five years on or before the first day of January of the school year in which admissions is made.

Kindergarten Attendance - Any child not less than five years of age on or before the first day of January of the school year in which admission is made shall be enrolled in kindergarten unless the child has attended and satisfactorily completed a year in a kindergarten which provides instruction equivalent to that of the local school (in which case the child will be enrolled in Grade 1).

Kindergarten Sessions - Kindergarten students will attend either a morning session or an afternoon session.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
10-15 Towns to maintain schools
10-15c Discrimination in public schools prohibited. School attendance by five-year olds
10-76a – 10-76g re special education
10-184 Duties of parents School attendance age
10-186 Duties of local and regional Board of Education re school attendance
10-233c Suspension of pupils
10-233d Expulsion of pupils

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OPTION TO EXEMPT ATTENDANCE
OF A CHILD FIVE OR SIX YEARS OF AGE FROM SCHOOL**

Pursuant to Section 10-184 of the Connecticut General Statutes,

I _____, of _____
Name of Parent, Guardian or Other **Address**

the parent, guardian or other person charged with the care of the following minor child

_____, of _____
Name of Child **Address**

born on _____ do hereby choose not to send my child to public

school during the _____ school year.
School Year

Furthermore, before signing this form, _____, a
Name of representative from school district

representative of the _____ school district met with me and provided me with
information concerning the educational opportunities and school accommodations
available in the school system.

ACKNOWLEDGED BY:

Signature of Parent, Guardian or Other

Date

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OPTION TO WITHDRAW STUDENT
SEVENTEEN YEARS OF AGE FROM SCHOOL**

Pursuant to Section 10-184 of the Connecticut General Statutes,

I _____, of _____
Name of Parent, Guardian or Other *Address*

the parent, guardian or other person charged with the care of the following minor child

_____, of _____
Name of Student *Address*

born on _____ do hereby elect to withdraw my child from public
Date of birth of student

school. Furthermore, before signing this form, I was provided with information on the educational opportunities available to my child in the school system and the community.

Signature of Parent, Guardian or Other

Date

ATTESTATION OF GUIDANCE COUNSELOR/SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR:

I, _____, met with the parent/guardian or other person
Name of guidance counselor or administrator

charged with the care of _____ on _____
Name of student *Date of meeting*

and provided such parent or person with information on the educational opportunities available in the school system and in the community.

Signature of Guidance Counselor or School Administrator

Date