

**COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AGES**

All children are required by New York State law to attend school full time, in a public, private or parochial school, unless exempt from attendance in conjunction with current law or regulation, and approved by the State Education Department from the first day of session in September of the school year in which the minor becomes six years of age through the last day of the school year in which such minor becomes sixteen years of age, unless he/she has completed a four-year high school course of study. A minor who has completed a four-year high school course of study is not required to attend.

For students seeking kindergarten admission, we require that the child must be five years of age on or before December 1<sup>st</sup> of the school year in which entrance is sought in order to be eligible for admission into kindergarten. Age must be verified by a birth certificate. Where satisfactory reasons are given for the unavailability of a birth certificate, other appropriate proof may be accepted.

For students seeking first grade placement who have not completed the district's kindergarten program or a comparable program outside of the district, appropriate grade placement shall be determined by evaluation procedures established by the district.

Cross-ref: 1741, Relations with "Home Schools"

Ref: Education Law §§1711; 3201; 3202(1-a); 3205; 3206; 3208; 3225  
8 NYCRR §101  
Family Court Act §§711 et seq.

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