

## COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

Parents, guardians, or persons residing in the District having custody of a child 8 years of age and under 18 years of age will cause such child to attend school, and such child will have the responsibility to, and therefore will, attend for the full time when such school may be in session unless:

- A. The child is enrolled in an approved private school for the same time or is enrolled in an extension program as provided in RCW 28A.195.010(4).
- B. The child is receiving home-based instruction as provided in RCW 28A.225.010(4).
- C. The child is attending an educational center as provided in RCW 28A.205.
- D. The superintendent will have excused such child from attendance under the following circumstances:
  - 1. The student is physically or mentally unable to attend school;
  - 2. The student is attending a residential school operated by the Department of Social and Health Services;
  - 3. The child is incarcerated in an adult correctional facility, or
  - 4. The student's parents/guardians have requested a temporary absence for purposes agreed to by the district and which will not cause a serious adverse effect on the student's educational process.
- E. The child is sixteen (16) years of age or older and:
  - 1. The student is regularly and lawfully employed and either has parent/guardian permission or is emancipated pursuant to chapter 13.64 RCW;
  - 2. The student has met graduation requirements in accordance with state board of education rules and regulations; or
  - 3. The student has received a certificate of educational competence (GED) under the rules and regulations established by the state board of education under RCW 28A.305.190.

Parents/guardians of any child six or seven years old, who have enrolled the child in school, will cause the child to attend school for the full time when such school may be in session, unless the child is formally withdrawn from enrollment by the parents/guardians.

Any law enforcement officer authorized to make arrests may take a truant child into custody without a warrant and must then deliver the truant child to the parent or the school.

The district will not require enrollment for either (a) a minimum number of semesters, or (b) a minimum number of courses in a semester which exceeds the enrollment time or courses necessary for a student to meet established course, credit, and test requirements for high school graduation.

Cross References:	P3005-2	Part-Time, Home-Based or Off-Campus Students
	P3005-3	Withdrawal Prior to Graduation
	P3005-5	Excused and Unexcused Absences
	P3005-7	Homeless Students

Legal References:	AGO 1980 No. 6	Truancy-Enforcement of compulsory attendance law
	RCW 28A.225	Compulsory School Attendance and Admission

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