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Admission/Ages of Attendance

The policy of the Regional District 13 Board of Education is to consider and to meet the educational needs of each child in the schools in accordance with applicable laws. Placement of the children entering Regional District 13 shall be made by determining the level at which each child will best be able to learn.

In accordance with state law, the Board of Education shall provide education for all persons five (5) years of age and older, having attained the age of five (5) on or before January 1 of any school year, and under twenty-one (21) years of age who has not graduated from a high school or vocational school. All children five (5) years of age and older and under eighteen (18) years of age must attend school within the district wherein they reside, unless the child is a high school graduate or the parent or other person having control of the child is able to show that the child is elsewhere receiving equivalent instruction in the studies taught in the public schools. The special education needs of preschool children shall be addressed in accordance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

The parent, or other person having control of the child, may have the child enter at age six 6 or seven 7. To exercise this option, the parent or other person must personally appear at the Superintendent's office and sign an option form; the District must provide the parent, or other person with information on the educational opportunities available in the District.

The parent or person having control of a child seventeen (17) years of age may consent, as provided in this section, to such child's withdrawal from school. Such parent or person shall personally appear at the school district office and sign a withdrawal form. Such withdrawal form shall include an attestation from a guidance counselor or school administrator of the school that the District has provided such parent or person with information on the educational options available in the school system and in the community. A child who has voluntarily terminated enrollment in the District's schools and subsequently seeks readmission may be denied readmission for up to ninety (90) school days from the date of such termination unless such child seeks readmission to the District's schools not later than ten (10) school days after such termination in which case the District shall provide school accommodations to such child not later than three (3) school days after such child seeks readmission.

Placement

The following factors will be used in helping to determine a child's proper grade placement:

- Chronological age
- Previous school experience
- Emotional and physical development

A psychological evaluation of the readiness of each child for school may also be used if necessary to assist in arriving at the correct placement for each child.

Children who transfer from nonpublic schools or from schools outside the District will be placed at the grade they would have reached elsewhere pending observation and evaluation by classroom teachers, guidance personnel, and the school principal. After such observations and evaluations have been completed, the principal will review the data with parents and determine the child's final grade placement.

Children who have attained the age of nineteen or older may be placed in an alternative school program or other suitable educational program if they cannot acquire a sufficient number of credits for graduation by age twenty-one.

Legal Reference:

Connecticut General Statutes: 10-15 Towns to maintain schools
10-15c Discrimination in public schools prohibited
School attendance by five- year olds
10-76 a- through 10-76g Re: Special Education
10-184 Duties of parents
10-186 Duties of local and regional boards of
education re school attendance. Hearings.
Appeals to State Board. Establishment of
hearing Readmission
[10-233c Suspension of pupils
10-233d Expulsion of pupils
State Board of Education Regulations]

10-76a-1 General definitions (c) (d) (q) (t)

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