

## STUDENTS

### ATTENDANCE

#### Duty to provide public school accommodations

The Board of Education shall provide school accommodations for all residents within the school district who are 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 by the laws pertaining to student suspension and expulsion. Special education will be provided for children age three to five experiencing a developmental delay that causes such child to require special education.

A student enrolling in school who is nineteen years of age or older and can not acquire a sufficient number of credits for graduation by age twenty-one may be placed in an alternative school program or other suitable educational program.

#### 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 studies 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)

#### 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. A child not less than five years old who has satisfactorily completed a year in a kindergarten which provides instruction equivalent to that of the elementary school may be enrolled in first grade.

#### 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.

Legal Reference:      Connecticut General Statutes  
                                 10-15 Towns to maintain schools  
                                 10-15c School attendance by five-year olds  
                                 10-76a Definitions  
                                 10-76d Duties and powers of boards of education to provide special  
                                 education programs and services  
                                 10-184 Duties of parents. School attendance age requirements  
                                 10-186 Duties of local and regional Board of Education re school  
                                 attendance  
                                 10-220 Duties of Boards of Education  
                                 10-233c Suspension of pupils  
                                 10-233d Expulsion of pupils

**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  
Child's Date of Birth

school during the \_\_\_\_\_ school year.  
School Year

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

representative of Regional School District 14 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*