

Franklin Special Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in April	Descriptor Term: Compulsory Attendance Ages	Descriptor Code: 6.201	Issued Date: 03/11/13
		Rescinds: 6.201	Issued: 11/09/98

1 Children between the ages of six (6) and seventeen (17) years, both inclusive, must attend a public or
 2 private school.¹ A parent/guardian or legal custodian who believes that their child is not ready to at-
 3 tend school at the designated age of mandatory attendance may make application to the principal of the
 4 public school which the child would attend for a one (1) semester or one year deferral in required at-
 5 tendance. Any such deferral shall be reported to the director of schools by the principal.² Under certain
 6 circumstances, the Board may temporarily excuse students from complying with the provisions of the
 7 compulsory attendance law.³

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 9 Any child residing within the state who is or will be five (5) years of age on or before August 31 for
 10 the 2013-2014 school year and on or before August 15 for all school years thereafter, who makes ap-
 11 plication for admission, shall be enrolled in the school designated by the Board.⁴

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 13 If a child will be five (5) years of age on or before September 30, such child's parent(s)/legal guardian(s)
 14 may request that the child be admitted into kindergarten. Upon a request, the director of schools shall
 15 administer an evaluation and examination. If the results indicate that the child is sufficiently mature
 16 emotionally and academically, then the child may be enrolled into kindergarten. The director of schools
 17 shall develop procedures and forms to implement the provisions of this policy.

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 19 No child shall be eligible to enter first grade without having attended an approved kindergarten program.⁵

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 21 A child entering a special education program shall be no less than three (3) years of age.⁶

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 23 The compulsory attendance law shall not apply to a student who is six (6) years or younger and whose
 24 parent or guardian has filed notice of intent to conduct home school with the director of schools.⁷

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 34 Legal References:

35 1. TCA 49-6-3001 (c)(1)
 36 2. TCA 49-6-3001 (c)(5)
 37 3. TCA 49-6-3005
 38 4. TCA 49-6-201 (b)(3); TCA 49-6-3001 (b)(1)
 39 5. TCA 49-6-201 (8)(d)
 40 6. 20 U.S.C. Sec 5. 1400-1485
 41 7. TCA 49-6-3001 (c)(2)(A)-(D)

Cross References:

Special Education Program 4.202
 Adult Education Program 4.208
 Special Education Students 6.500