

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

All parents, guardians, or persons residing in this school district having custody of any child 8 years of age and under 18 years of age shall cause such child to attend the schools of this district if the child resides for the full time when the district schools are in session, unless:

1. The child attends a private school for the same time;
2. The Superintendent shall excuse the child from attendance because the child is physically or mentally unable to attend school;
3. The child is attending a residential school operated by the Division of Institutions, Department of Social and Health Services; or,
4. The student's parents 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;
5. The student is sixteen years of age, regularly and lawfully employed and either has parent permission or is emancipated pursuant to chapter 13.64 RCW;
6. The student has met graduation requirements;
7. The student has received a certificate of educational competence (GED),
8. The child is in an approved home-based instruction program.

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

The district shall not require enrollment for either (a) a minimum number of semesters or trimesters or (b) a minimum number of courses in a semester or trimester 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:	Board Policy 3114	Part-time, Home-based, or Off-campus Students
Legal References:	Board Policy 3122	Excused and Unexcused Absences
	AGO 1980 No. 6	Truancy — Enforcement of compulsory attendance law
	RCW 28A.225.010,	Attendance mandatory — Age — Persons having custody shall cause

RCW 28A.225.080

RCW 28A.225.090

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child to attend public school —

When excused

Employment permits

Penalties in general — Defense-

Suspension of fine — Complaints to
court

Additional local standards