

Students

Admission/Placement

Admission

The school shall be open to all children five years of age and over who reach age five on or before the first day of January of any school year. Each child shall have, and shall be advised by the appropriate school authorities of the equal opportunity to participate in programs and activities without discrimination on account of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disabilities or sexual orientation. Students who are classified as homeless under federal law or an unaccompanied youth, as described in 42 USC 11434a, and therefore do not have a fixed residence, will be admitted pursuant to federal law and policy 5118.1. Exceptions from admission may be made by the school principal on the basis of supporting evidence from physical and psychological examinations.

The parent/guardian having custody 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. The parent/guardian having custody 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.

The parent/guardian shall exercise such option annually by personally appearing at the school office and signing an option form. The school shall provide the parent/guardian with information on the educational opportunities available in the school system.

The parent/guardian of any child who is denied admission to the district's schools, or an unaccompanied minor, a student eighteen years of age or older, a homeless child or youth or an unaccompanied youth who is denied schooling on the basis of residency, or an agent or officer charged with the enforcement of the laws concerning attendance at school may request, in writing, a hearing by the Board of Education.

According to Connecticut General Statute 10-76d(b2), special education will be provided for children who have attained the age of three and who have been identified as being in need of special education, and whose educational potential will be irreparably diminished without special education. If a special education student is being considered for an exception, the Planning and Placement Team (PPT) will make a recommendation to the administrator in charge of special education.

Each child entering the school for the first time must present a birth certificate or offer legal evidence of birth date, as well as proof of a physical examination and required immunizations in compliance with state law. If the parents or guardians of any children are unable to pay for such immunizations, the expense of such immunizations shall on the recommendation of the Superintendent, be paid by the Board. Proof of town residency may also be requested by the principal.

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Admission/Placement (continued)

Placement

Any children who applies for initial admission to the school by transfer from nonpublic schools or from schools outside the district will be placed at the grade the child 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 determine the final grade placement of the child.

(cf. 0521 - Nondiscrimination)

(cf. 5112 - Ages of Attendance)

(cf. 5118.1 - Homeless Students)

(cf. 5141 - Student Health Services)

(cf. 6171 - Special Education)

(cf. 6146 - Graduation Requirements)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
 4-176e to 4-180a Agency hearings.
 4-181a Contested cases. Reconsideration. Modifications.
 10-15 Towns to maintain schools
 10-15c Discrimination in public schools prohibited. School attendance by
 five-year olds. (as amended by P.A. 97-179)
 10-76a - 10-76g re special education
 10-184 Duties of parents (re mandatory schooling for children ages five to
 sixteen, inclusive) - as amended by PA 98-243.
 10-186 Duties of local and regional boards of education re school
 attendance. Hearings. Amended by PA 96-26, An Act Concerning
 Graduation Requirements and Placement of Older Students
 Appeals to state board. Establishment of hearing board
 10-233a - 10-233f Inclusive; re: suspend, expel, removal of pupils
 10-233c Suspension of pupils
 10-233d Expulsion of pupils
 10-261 Definitions
 State Board of Education Regulations
 10-76a-1 General definitions (c) (d) (q) (t)
 10-76d-7 Admission of student requiring special education (referral)
 10-204a Required immunizations (as amended by PA 98-243)
 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §11431 et seq.

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF OPTION TO EXEMPT ATTENDANCE
OF 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 _____ who was
Name of Child **Address**

born on _____ do hereby choose not to send my child to public
Date

school during the _____.
School Year

Furthermore, before signing this form, a representative of the _____
Name of District

school district 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

School Signature

Date