

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 September of the school year in which admission is made. Any child who has not reached the age of five on or before the first day of September of the school year may be admitted 1) upon the written request to the school principal by the parent or guardian of the child, and 2) following an assessment of the child, conducted by the school principal and/or an appropriate certified staff member, to ensure that admitting such child is developmentally appropriate, in accordance with such standards/assessment(s) that may be implemented by the Superintendent and consistent with applicable state requirements. Any child that is born after January 1st of the school year in which admission is made, will not be considered.

Option to withdraw from enrollment at age 18

The parent or person having control of a child eighteen years of age may consent to such child's withdrawal from school.

**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
EIGHTEEN 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