

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AGES

Every student residing in the area served by the School System between the ages of six (6) and seventeen (17) years will be required to attend a state-approved school for the entire length of the school term in every scholastic year, except as may otherwise be provided by state law. Every student must attend the entire length of each school term through the day proceeding the student's seventeenth (17th) birthday. Students of school age not known to be enrolled in school will be reported to proper authorities. An accurate record of attendance for each student will be maintained by the classroom or homeroom teacher or other designated persons.

Entrance Ages - Regular School Programs

Kindergarten:

A child whose fifth (5th) birthday is on or before September 1 or the date on which school begins in the school system will be entitled, to admission to kindergarten classes.

First Grade:

Any child that turns six years old on or before December 31st is entitled to start first Grade.

Students who were enrolled in an Alabama private school, church school, or being tutored by a private tutor who seek admission to kindergarten or grade one in the School System must meet the age requirements stated above.

Transfers:

Out-Of-State--A child whose sixth birthday is after September 1 or the date on which school begins in the school system is not to be admitted to first grade classes in the school system that year unless (i) that child has completed a public or legally mandated kindergarten program in another state, in which case the child shall be entitled to admission to the first grade, or (ii) that child has transferred from the first grade of a school in another state, and the Board has approved the child's admission to the first grade.

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