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Policy 5034.1.1

Admission/Placement

Admission

EASTCONN schools 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 such child shall have, and shall be so advised by the appropriate school authorities, an equal opportunity to participate in the program and activities of the school system without discrimination on account of race, color, gender, religion, national origin or sexual orientation. Students who are classified as homeless under federal law and therefore do not have a fixed residence, will be admitted pursuant to federal law and policy 5014.1.1.

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. 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.

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

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 EASTCONN schools for the first time must present a birth certificate or offer legal evidence of birth data, as well as proof of a recent physical examination and required immunizations. 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 Board of Directors, be paid by the Local Education Agency (LEA). Proof of domicile may also be requested by the building Principal.

Any child entering or returning to the EASTCONN from placement in a juvenile detention school, the Connecticut Juvenile Training School, or any other residential placement, shall have the educational records of such child provided to the Executive Director of EASTCONN by the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and the Judicial Department. Such information will

be shared with the Principal of the school to which the student is assigned. The Principal can disclose them to the staff who teach or care for the child.

EASTCONN will immediately enroll any student who transfers from Unified Agency No. 1 or Unified Agency No 2. A student transferring from the Unified School Agency who had previously attended school in the local Agency shall be enrolled in the school such student previously attended, provided such school has the appropriate grade level for the student.

The parent or person having control of a child sixteen or seventeen years of age may consent to such child's withdrawal from school. The parent or guardian having control of a child seventeen years of age shall exercise this option by personally appearing at the school office to sign a withdrawal form. Such withdrawal form shall include an attestation from a guidance counselor or school administrator of the school that the EASTCONN has provided the parent or person with information on the educational options available in the school system and in the community.

Children, who have attained the age of seventeen and who have terminated enrollment in EASTCONN's schools with parental permission as described previously and subsequently seeks readmission, may be denied readmission for up to ninety school days from the date of such termination, unless such child seeks readmission to an EASTCONN school not later than ten days after such termination. In such cases, the child will be provided school accommodations not later than three days after the requested readmission.

Note: *When a student is enrolling in a new school or new state charter school, written notification of such enrollment shall be provided to the previous school Agency or charter school not later than two business days after the student enrolls*.

Children who apply for initial admission to EASTCONN's schools by transfer from nonpublic schools or from schools outside EASTCONN will be placed at the grade they 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 children.

Children who have attained the age of nineteen or older may be placed in an alternative school program or other suitable educational program if they cannot acquire a sufficient number of credits for graduation by age twenty-one.

(cf. 5017.1.1 - Nondiscrimination)

(cf. 5034.2.1 - Ages of Attendance)

(cf. 5014.1.1 - Homeless Students)

(cf. 5013.3.1 - Student Health Services)

(cf. 6017.20.1 - Special Education)

(cf. 5012.1.1 - Graduation Requirements)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-15 Towns to maintain schools

10-15c Discrimination in public schools prohibited. School attendance by five-year olds, as amended by PA 97-247

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, PA 00-157 and PA 09-6 September Special Session

10-186 Duties of local and regional boards of education re school attendance. Hearings. Appeals to state board. Establishment of hearing board. Readmission, as amended.

10-220h Transfer of student records, as amended.

P.A. 11-15 An Act Concerning Juvenile Reentry and Education 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

10-233k Notification of school officials of potentially dangerous students.

10-261 Definitions

State Board of Directors Regulations

10-76a-1 General definitions (c) (d) (q) (t)

10-76d-7 Admission of student requiring special education (referral)

10-204a Required immunizations

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §11431 et seq.

Plyler vs. Doe, 457 U.S. 202 (1982)

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