

Dyer County Board of Education

Descriptor Term:

Compulsory Attendance Ages

Descriptor Code:

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Rescinds:

Board Approved:

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1 Children between the ages of seven (7) and seventeen (17) years, both inclusive, must attend a public or
2 private school.¹

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4 Any child residing within the state, six (6) years of age on or before September 30 of the current school
5 year, making application for admission, shall be enrolled in the school designated by the Board.²

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7 A child entering kindergarten shall be no less than five (5) years of age on or before September 30 of the
8 current school term.³ Any child making application for admission who was legally enrolled in an
9 approved kindergarten in another state during the preceding school year and who could have enrolled in
10 the first grade in that state in the current school year, shall be enrolled in first grade, if he/she is six (6)
11 years of age by December 31 of the current school year.⁴ No child shall be eligible to enter first grade
12 after July 1, 1993 without having attended an approved kindergarten program.⁷

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14 Any transfer student making application for admission who was legally enrolled as a first grade student
15 in another state and will be six (6) years of age no later than December 31 of the current year shall be
16 enrolled.⁴

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18 The compulsory attendance law shall not apply to the following:⁶

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- 21 1. A student who has received a diploma or other certificate of graduation;
 - 22 2. A student who is enrolled and making satisfactory progress in a course leading to a G.E.D.; or
 - 23 3. A student enrolled in a home school who has reached the age of seventeen (17).
 - 24 4. A student whose parent has filed a notice of intent to conduct a home school.
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32 Legal References:

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- 34 1. Chapter 535 of the Public Acts of 1992, Section 78; Covell v. State (1921), 143 Tenn. 571.
 - 35 2. TCA 49-6-3001.
 - 36 3. TCA 49-6-201(3); TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.03(B)(10)(a).
 - 37 4. Public Law 99-457; (34 CFR 303.344).
 - 38 5. TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.03(B)(10)(d).
 - 39 6. Chapter 535 of the Public Acts of 1992, Section 81.
 - 40 7. Chapter 535 of the Public Acts of 1992, Section 30.
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