

FAIRFIELD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

ATTENDANCE RULES

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6210.1 “Every child, being a resident of the Fairfield Area School District, between the ages of six (6) and twenty-one (21), may attend the schools of this District subject to provisions of the Public School Code of 1949. This right extends to migratory children and pregnant and married students. A child who meets eligibility criteria for one or more disabilities as determined by applicable state or federal law(s) is also entitled to an educational plan and/or services as required by such law(s).”

6210.1a Admission of Beginners

A child shall be admitted to kindergarten only if he or she reaches the age of five (5) years by September 1st. Chronological age shall be the sole criteria for admittance. A child who has not attended kindergarten but who seeks admission to first grade shall be so admitted only if he or she has attained the age of six (6) by September 1st.

Such child shall be admitted to school only during the first (8) weeks of the annual school term except that a child who has attained eight years of age may begin school at any time during the school year.

6210.1b “The Superintendent may, on the written request of the parent or guardian, admit a child who does not meet the state’s age criteria provided that the request includes a recommendation for such admission signed by a certified school psychologist that also includes evidence of each of the following:”

1. That the child has a mental age within the gifted range as determined by the state and as measured by an individual intelligence test;
2. That the child exhibits no weakness in the area of motor skills;
3. That the child exhibits no weakness in the area of perceptual skills;

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4. That the child has developed advanced social skills;
5. That the student shall achieve a five (5) year level or better on the Bracken Basic Concept Scale. This instrument shall be administered by a certified school psychologist;

Parents shall be responsible for the cost of all testing and the presentation of the report to the Superintendent for action. To allow for adequate preparation, psychological reports should be presented to the Superintendent before August 1st; and

The Superintendent shall require that each child, who registers for entrance to school, exhibit his/her birth certificate or similar documentation as proof of age and birth date.

- 6210.2 Parents or guardians of all children between the ages of eight and seventeen are required by the compulsory attendance law to ensure that their children attend an approved educational institution, unless legally excused.
- 6210.3 Students may not be asked to leave school merely because they have reached seventeen years of age if they are fulfilling their responsibilities as students, as defined hereafter. A student may not be excluded from the public schools or from extra-curricular activities because of being married or pregnant.
- 6210.4 Any child who has attained the age of eight years prior to February 1 of any school year or who has entered school at an earlier age and who has not yet attained the age of seventeen years shall be required to attend school regularly during the entire school year except as specified in the School Code.
- 6210.5 Regular attendance shall be defined as attending school for the full day on each day during which school is in session. Students are expected to attend all sessions unless properly excused by school authorities.

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- 6210.6 No student shall be denied access to a free and appropriate public education, on account of race, religion, sex, or national origin.
- 6210.7 The Fairfield Area School District administration reserves the exclusive right to determine appropriate grade placement and /or class assignment of any student enrolling at FASD; such determination will apply, without limitation, to any student previously home-schooled or previously attending a non-public institution.

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