

SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE AREAS**Ages of Attendance**

According to Education Law, a student who becomes six years of age on or before the first of December in any school year shall be required to attend full-time instruction from the first day that the District schools are in session in September of such school year, and a student who becomes six years of age after the first of December in any school year shall be required to attend full-time instruction from the first day of session in the following September. Except as otherwise hereinafter provided, pursuant to Education Law Section 3205(3), the Board of Education requires a student to attend upon full-time instruction until the last day of session in the school year in which the student becomes seventeen years of age; provided however, a student from sixteen to seventeen years of age who is employed shall not be required to attend upon full-time instruction beyond the last day of session in the school year in which the student becomes sixteen years of age. A minor who has completed a four-year high school course of study shall not be subject to this required attendance upon instruction.

All persons dwelling within the District who are between the ages of five (5) years and twenty-one (21) years and who have not received a high school diploma shall be entitled to enroll in the District.

Attendance Zones

Attendance zones will be established by the Board of Education and all modifications or alterations in zone boundaries will be approved by the Board of Education.

The Superintendent will periodically review attendance zones and recommend changes when needed.

Actions to establish, modify or alter attendance zone boundaries will give priority consideration to the operational and programmatic needs of the school system. Demographic data will also be used to ensure and accommodate the most effective and efficient educational program for the District. Any recommendation for establishment or alteration of boundaries will include an analysis and justification based on the above factors.

SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE AREAS (cont'd.)**Homeless Children**

The parent/guardian of a homeless child, or a homeless child if no parent/guardian is available, or the director of a residential program for runaway and homeless youth established pursuant to Article 19-H of the Executive Law, in consultation with the homeless child, where such homeless child is living in such program, may designate either the school district of current location, the school district of last attendance, or a school district participating in a regional plan as the district the homeless child shall attend.

Emancipated Minors

A determination of whether a student is to be designated as an emancipated minor in the Elmira City School District will be based on evidence that the student is no longer under custody, control and support of his or her parents. To establish emancipation, a minor may submit documentation of his or her means of support, proof of residency and an explanation of the circumstances surrounding the student's emancipation, including a description of the student's relationship with his or her parents.

These statements are renewable each school year. If at any time the above information is changed without prompt notification or proven to be false, the parent/guardian and/or student may be subject to legal action.

Education Law Sections 2045, 3202,
3205, and 3212(4)
8 New York Code of Rules and
Regulations
(NYCRR) Sections 100.2(x) and (y)

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