

**COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AGES AND PART-TIME ATTENDANCE**

Any child between the ages of five (5) and seven (7) who is enrolled in the Pattonville School District shall attend the academic program on a regular basis, unless a written request to drop the child from the school rolls is made by the parent, guardian or other person having charge, control or custody of the child.

Any child who is a resident of the School District, and who is between the ages of seven (7) and sixteen (16) years must by law regularly attend a public, private, parochial, parish, home school or a combination of such schools not less than the entire school term of the school(s) which the child attends. [as specified in state law.] As part of satisfying their “full-time” compulsory education, and as a right for students between 16 and 21 years who have not graduated, eligible students may attend the schools of this district in a part-time capacity, subject to reasonable rules and procedures designed to preserve discipline, health and academic standards. The rules for part-time attendees shall not place an unreasonable burden on the student of the accessibility of part-time attendance.

Excusal from the “full-time” requirement of the compulsory education law can be granted by the superintendent for a child between 14 and 16 years of age when legal employment has been obtained by the child and found to be desirable. A child between 14 and 16 years of age who is excused from the “full-time” requirement because of the child’s employment, or any child under 18 years of age who has not completed an elementary school program, must attend school not less than four (4) hours a week between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. during the school year. If the district established special part-time schools for such students, the schools will be operated in accordance with Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) regulations.

State law also permits the superintendent to excuse from “Full-time” compulsory attendance any child who has been determined to be mentally or physically incapacitated. This authority shall not be exercised in conflict with any law regarding disability discrimination or special educational services.

Any student age 16 years or older who drops out of school for any reason other than to attend another school, college or university, or to enlist in the armed services, shall be reported to the state literacy hotline office.

The administration shall enroll every child living in the District with: 1) a parent, 2) a guardian, or 3) under exceptional circumstances, an adult person(s) having obtained charge, [custody,] control or custody of a child, provided that person is a resident of the District and accepts full responsibility (as one in the position of a parent), as this responsibility involves the school/home educational relationships.

Legal Refs.: §167.031-.111, RSMo. 1999  
Op. Atty. Gen. No. 179, Mallory, 9/18/74

Adopted: June 30, 1981  
Revised: May 24, 2005