

### **5.3—COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Every parent, guardian, or other person having custody or charge of any child age five (5) through seventeen (17) years on or before August 1 of that year who resides, as defined by policy 5.1-RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS, within the District shall enroll and send the child to a District school with the following exceptions.

The child is enrolled in private or parochial school.

The child is being home-schooled and the conditions of policy 5.6-HOME SCHOOLING have been met.

The child will not be age six (6) on or before August 1 of that particular school year and the parent, guardian, or other person having custody or charge of the child elects not to have him/her attend kindergarten. A kindergarten waiver form prescribed by regulation of the Department of Education must be signed and on file with the District administrative office.

The child has received a high school diploma or its equivalent as determined by the State Board of Education.

The child is age sixteen (16) or above and is enrolled in a post-secondary vocational-technical institution, a community college, or a two-year or four-year institution of higher education.

The child is age sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) and has met the requirements to enroll in an adult education program as defined by A.C.A. § 6-18-201 (b).

Legal Reference:       A.C.A. § 6-18-201  
                                  A.C.A. § 6-18-207

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