

# STUDENT ATTENDANCE

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Purpose: To establish the basic structure for student attendance.

State law requires all children between the ages of five and 17 to attend a public or private school or kindergarten or be home schooled. A parent/legal guardian whose child or ward is not six years old on or before September 1st of the school year may waive kindergarten attendance for his/her child.

The board expects children to attend school regularly.

The school year consists of 180 school days. High school students must attend 85 days of each 90-day semester to receive one-half unit of credit. They must attend 170 days through the course of the school year to receive one unit of credit.

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Legal references:

A. S. C. Code, 1976, as amended:

1. Section 59-35-10 - Each district to provide a kindergarten program.
2. Section 59-63-20(3) - Entrance age for kindergarten program.
3. Section 59-63-20(4) - Entrance age for first grade.
4. Section 59-63-20(6) - Four-year-olds may attend optional child development programs.
5. Section 59-65-10 - Compulsory attendance age group in South Carolina includes children ages five through 17; parents may waive compulsory kindergarten attendance requirement.

B. State Board of Education Regulations:

1. R-43-270 - Attendance.
2. R-43-271 - Entrance age.
3. R-43-272.1 - South Carolina compulsory kindergarten program.
4. R-43-274 - Student attendance.