

STUDENTS

1.0 Age of Attendance

The Pullman School District Board of Directors recognizes that it is a right and responsibility of those who meet the requirements prescribed by law to attend the schools of the district. Every resident of the district who satisfies the minimum entry age requirement and is less than 21 years of age has the right to attend the district's schools until he/she completes high school graduation requirements. Children of age 8 and less than age 18 are required by law to attend an approved private or public educational center unless they are receiving approved home-based instruction. Under certain circumstances children who are at least 16 and less than 18 years of age may be excused from further attendance at school. The superintendent shall exercise his/her authority to grant exceptions when he/she determines that the student:

- 1.1 Is lawfully and regularly employed, and
- 1.2 Has permission of a parent, or,
- 1.3 Is emancipated pursuant to Chapter 13.64 RCW,
- 1.4 Is subject to one of the other exceptions to compulsory attendance.

A resident student who has been granted an exception retains the right to enroll as a part-time student and shall be entitled to take any course, receive any ancillary services and take or receive any combination of courses and ancillary services which is offered by a public school to full-time students.

2.0 Entrance Age Qualifications

To be admitted to a kindergarten program that commences in the fall of the year a child must be not less than 5 years of age prior to September 1 of the school year. To be admitted to a first grade program that commences in the fall of the year a child must be not less than 6 years of age prior to September 1 of the school year. Any student not otherwise eligible for entry to the first grade who has successfully completed a state-approved kindergarten program of 450 or more hours including instruction including instruction in the essential academic learning requirements and other subjects that the district determines are appropriate will be permitted entry into the first-grade program. If necessary, the student may be placed in a temporary classroom assignment for the purposes of evaluation prior to making a final determination of the student's appropriate placement. Such determination shall be made by the principal no later than 30th calendar day following the student's first day of attendance.

A student who meets the definition of a child of a military family in transition under Article II of RCW 28A.705.010 shall be permitted to continue enrollment at the grade level in the common schools commensurate with the grade level of the student when attending school in the sending state as defined in Article II of RCW 28A.705.010, regardless of age or birthdate requirements.

Children who have a disability and are three years of age and older are eligible for admission if the child qualifies for special education services according to WAC 392- 172A-01035.

- 3.0 The Pullman School District does not admit nor assume responsibility for students aged twenty-one or older. Students who become twenty-one during the academic year may complete that academic year.

4.0 Placement of Students on Admission

The decision of where to place a student seeking admission to the district rests with the principal. Generally, students meeting the age of admission requirements, or transferring from a public or approved private school, shall be placed in kindergarten or first grade, or the grade from which they transferred. The principal shall evaluate the educational record and assessments of all other students to determine their appropriate placement. A temporary classroom assignment may be made for no more than thirty calendar days for the purpose of evaluation prior to making the final placement decision.

Cross References:

Board Policy 2100 - Educational Opportunities for Military Children
Board Policy 2108 - Remediation Programs
Board Policy 2121 - Substance Abuse Program
Board Policy 2140 Guidance and Counseling
Board Policy 3114 Part-time, Home-based or Off-campus Students
Board Policy 3121 Compulsory Attendance
Board Policy 3122 Excused or Unexcused Absences
Board Policy 4312 Complaints Concerning Staff or Program

Legal References:

RCW 28A.200, Home-based Instruction
RCW 28A.225.010 Attendance mandatory - Age - Person having custody shall cause child to attend public school - When excused
RCW 28A.225.020 School's duties upon juvenile's failure to attend school
RCW 28A.225.160 Attendance age eligibility
RCW28A.225.220 Adults, children from other districts, agreements for attending school—Tuition
WAC 392-134-010 Attendance rights of part-time public school students.
WAC 392-137 District policies—Procedures and criteria for release of resident students and admission of nonresident students
[WAC 392-335 Pupils - Uniform Entry Qualifications](#)

Management Resources:

Policy News, April 2006 Entrance to School Policy Changes
Policy News, August 1999 Districts may set K-screening fees

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