A. PURPOSE

To establish policy governing student attendance within Anne Arundel County Public Schools, including ages for compulsory attendance in accordance with Maryland State education law and regulations.

B. ISSUE

The Board of Education of Anne Arundel County is responsible for ensuring that students are enrolled in and attending school in accordance with Maryland laws. This policy establishes the authority and responsibility governing student enrollment and attendance.

C. POSITION

1. Each child who resides in this state and is the legally mandated age shall attend a public school regularly during the entire school year unless the child is otherwise receiving regular, thorough instruction during the school year in the studies usually taught in the public schools to children of the same age, or graduated, or is exempted from attendance as provided by law.

2. Admission to prekindergarten, kindergarten, and first grade shall be based upon Maryland laws and regulations.

3. The Superintendent, school principal, or a designee may excuse a student for necessary absence, and shall be responsible for following procedures regarding lawful and unlawful absences based on Maryland laws and regulations.

4. Each parent(s)/legal guardian(s) of a child who is the legally mandated age to attend school shall see that the child attends school or receives instruction as required by this section.
D. IMPLEMENTATION

The Superintendent is authorized to develop and publish regulations for the implementation of this policy.

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