

POLICY

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Related Entries: JB-RA, JS, JS-RA

Responsible Office: DIVISION OF STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

A. PURPOSE

To establish a policy governing student attendance within Anne Arundel County Public Schools, including ages for compulsory attendance in accordance with 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 attend school in accordance with Maryland law and regulations. 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 in accordance with State law and regulations.
3. The Superintendent or Superintendent's designee or the school principal or the principal's designee may excuse a student for lawful absences, and shall be responsible for following the procedures regarding lawful and unlawful absences which have been established in accordance with State law and regulations.
4. Each parent(s)/ guardian(s) of a child who is the legally mandated age to attend school shall ensure that the child attends school or receives instruction as required under State law.

D. IMPLEMENTATION

The Superintendent is authorized to develop regulations to implement this policy.

Policy History: Adopted 04/23/14; Technical Edits 09/06/22

Note Previous Policy History: Replaces Policies 901 and 901.01, adopted 05/20/91, and revised 05/16/07

Legal References: Sections 4-139, 7-301, 7-301.1 and 7-301.3 of the Education Article