

# P5111

## Students

### Admission/Placement

#### Admission

District schools shall be open to all children five years of age and over who reach age five on or before the first day of January of any school year. Each such child shall have, and shall be so advised by the appropriate school authorities, an equal opportunity to participate in the program and activities of the school system without discrimination on account of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression. Exceptions from routine admission may be made by the school Principal on the basis of supporting evidence from physical and psychological examinations.

The parent or person having control of a child five years of age shall have the option of not sending the child to school until the child is six years of age. The parent or person having control of a child six years of age shall have the option of not sending the child to school until the child is seven years of age.

The parent or person shall exercise such option by personally appearing at the school district office and signing an option form. The district shall provide the parent or person with information on the educational opportunities available in the school system.

According to Connecticut General Statute [10-76d](#), special education will be provided for children who have attained the age of three and who have been identified as being in need of special education. If a special education student is being considered for an exception, the Planning and Placement Team (PPT) will make a recommendation to the administrator in charge of special education.

Each child entering the district schools for the first time must present a birth certificate or offer legal evidence of birth data, as well as proof of a recent physical examination and required immunizations. If the parents or guardians of any children are unable to pay for such immunizations, the expense of such immunizations shall on the recommendation of the Board, be paid by the town. Proof of residency may also be requested by the building Principal.

Children who have attained the age of seventeen and who have voluntarily terminated enrollment in the district's schools with parental permission, and subsequently seeks readmission may be denied readmission for up to ninety school days from the date of such termination, unless such child seeks readmission to a District school not later than ten days after such termination. In such cases, the child will be provided school accommodations not later than three days after the requested readmission.

#### Placement

Children who apply for initial admission to the district's schools by transfer from nonpublic schools or from schools outside the district will be placed at the grade they would have reached elsewhere pending observation and evaluation by classroom teachers, guidance personnel, and the school Principal. After such observations and evaluations have been completed, the Principal will determine the final grade placement of the children.

Students who have attained the age of nineteen or older may be placed in an alternative school program or other suitable educational program if they cannot acquire a sufficient number of credits for graduation by age twenty-one.

(cf. [0521](#) - Nondiscrimination)

(cf. [5112](#) - Ages of Attendance)

(cf. [5141](#) - Student Health Services)

(cf. 6171 - Special Education)

(cf. 6146 - Graduation Requirements)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

[10-15](#) Towns to maintain schools

[10-15c](#) Discrimination in public schools prohibited. School attendance by five- year olds, as amended by PA. 97-247

[10-76a](#) - [10-76g](#) re special education

[10-184](#) Duties of parents (re mandatory schooling for children ages five to sixteen, inclusive) - as amended by PA 98-243.

[10-186](#) Duties of local and regional boards of education re school attendance.

Hearings. Amended by PA 96-26, An Act Concerning Graduation Requirements and Placement of Older Students

[10-220h](#) Transfer of student records as amended.

PA 11-115 An Act Concerning Juveniles' Reentry and Education.

[10-233a](#) - [10-233f](#) Inclusive; re: suspend, expel, removal of pupils

[10-233c](#) Suspension of pupils

[10-233d](#) Expulsion of pupils

[10-233k](#) Notification of school officials of potentially dangerous students. (as amended by PA. 01-176)

[10-261](#) Definitions

State Board of Education Regulations

[10-76a-1](#) General definitions (c) (d) (q) (t)

[10-76d-7](#) Admission of student requiring special education (referral)

[10-204a](#) Required immunizations (as amended by PA 98-243)

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §11431 et seq.

*Plyler vs. Doe*, 457 U.S. 202

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