

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AGES

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BOARD POLICY

The Tupelo Public School District is established to, and shall, serve the compulsory school aged children residing within the District.

The Board authorizes the superintendent to promulgate rules and procedures to ensure compliance with the Mississippi Compulsory School Attendance Law.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

1. Definitions

1.1. "Compulsory school age child" means a child who has attained or will attain the age of six (6) years on or before September 1 of the calendar year and who has not attained the age of seventeen (17) years on or before September 1 of the calendar year and shall include any child who has attained or will attain the age of five (5) years on or before September 1 and has enrolled in a full-day public school kindergarten program.

1.2. The parent or guardian of any child enrolled in full-day kindergarten shall be allowed to un-enroll the child from the program on a one-time basis, and such child shall not be deemed a compulsory-school-age child until the child attains the age of six (6) years.

1.3. "Parent" means the father or mother to whom a child has been born, or the father or mother by whom a child has been legally adopted.

1.4. "Guardian" means a guardian of a child, other than a parent, who is legally appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction.

1.5. "Custodian" means any person having the present care or custody of a child, other than a parent or guardian of the child.

2. If a compulsory school age child has not been enrolled in a school within fifteen (15) calendar days after the first day of the school year of the school which such child is eligible to attend or such child has accumulated five unlawful absences during the school year of the public school in which such child is enrolled, the school district superintendent or his designee shall report, within two school days or within five calendar days, whichever is less, the absences to the attendance officer.

EXHIBITS

None

REFERENCES

MCA § 37-13-91

FORMS

None

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