

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

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State law requires all children between the ages of five and 17 to attend a public or private school or kindergarten approved by the State Board of Education, the South Carolina Independent Schools Association, or approved by the district for home schooling. A parent/legal guardian whose child or ward is not six years old on or before September 1st of the school year may waive kindergarten attendance for his/her child.

The board expects children to attend school regularly. Regular attendance is necessary if students are to make the desired and expected academic and social progress.

Attendance is the presence of a student on days when school is in session. Students may be counted present only when they are actually at school, on medical homebound instruction, or are present at a school-sponsored activity.

In order to receive one Carnegie unit of credit, a student must be in attendance at least 120 hours, per unit, regardless of the number of days missed.

Cf. JH

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Legal References:

- A. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:
 - 1. Section 59-35-10 - Each district to provide a kindergarten program.
 - 2. Section 59-63-20 - Kindergarten and first grade entrance age; optional child development programs for four-year-olds and students with disabilities.
 - 5. Section 59-65-10, *et seq.* - Compulsory attendance for ages five through 17; wavier of kindergarten for students not six years of age on or before September 1st.
- B. S.C. State Board of Education Regulations:
 - 1. R43-274 - Student attendance.