

<b>Bartlett City Board of Education</b>		<b>6020</b>
Descriptor Term: <b>COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AGE</b>	Descriptor Code: <b>Student Services</b>	Issue Date: <b>02/27/2014</b>
	Rescinds:	Revised:

1 Children between the ages of six (6) and seventeen (17) years, both inclusive, must attend a  
2 public or private school.<sup>1</sup> A parent/guardian or legal custodian who believes that his child is not  
3 ready to attend school at the designated age of mandatory attendance may make application to  
4 the principal of the public school which the child would attend for a one (1) semester or one year  
5 deferral in required attendance. Any such deferral shall be reported to the Superintendent by the  
6 principal.<sup>2</sup> Under certain circumstances the Board may temporarily excuse students from  
7 complying with the provisions of the compulsory attendance law.<sup>3</sup>

8 Any child residing within the City of Bartlett who is or will be five (5) years of age on or before  
9 August 15 of the school year, who makes application for admission, shall be enrolled in the school  
10 designated by the Board.<sup>4</sup>

11 If a child will be five (5) years of age on or before September 30, such child's parent(s)/legal  
12 guardian(s) may request that the child be admitted into kindergarten. Upon request, the  
13 Superintendent shall administer an evaluation and examination. If the results indicate the child is  
14 sufficiently mature emotionally and academically, then the child may be enrolled into  
15 kindergarten.<sup>5</sup> The Superintendent shall develop administrative procedures to implement the  
16 provisions of this policy.

17 No child shall be eligible to enter first grade without having attended an approved kindergarten  
18 program.<sup>6</sup>

19 A child entering a special education program shall be no less than three (3) years of age.<sup>7</sup>

20 A person eighteen (18) years of age or older who applies for admission must have the application  
21 approved by the principal when:

- 22 1. The applicant fails to enroll within twenty (20) calendar days after school officially  
23 starts; or
- 24 2. The applicant has dropped out of school and wants to re-enter.

<sup>1</sup> T.C.A. §49-6-3001(c)(1)

<sup>2</sup> T.C.A. §49-6-3001(c)(5)

<sup>3</sup> T.C.A. §49-6-3005

<sup>4</sup> T.C.A. §49-6-201(b)(3); T.C.A §49-6-3001(a)

<sup>5</sup> T.C.A. §49-6-3001(b)(2)(B)

<sup>6</sup> T.C.A. §49-6-201(8)(d)

<sup>7</sup> 20 U.S.C. 5 §§1400-1485

- 1 The compulsory attendance law shall not apply to the following:<sup>8</sup>
- 2 1. A student who has received a diploma or other certificate of graduation; or
  - 3 2. A student who is enrolled and making satisfactory progress in a course leading to a GED;
  - 4 or
  - 5 3. A student who is six (6) years of age or younger and whose parent/guardian has filed a
  - 6 notice of intent to conduct home school with the Superintendent; or
  - 7 4. A student enrolled in a home school who has reached the age of seventeen (17).

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<sup>8</sup> T.C.A. §49-6-3001(c)(2)(A)-(D)