

## **Compulsory Attendance Ages**

Every child who has attained the age of six years on or before August 1 of each year and is under the age of 17 is required to attend public school with such exceptions as provided by law. It is the parents' responsibility to ensure attendance.

The courts may issue orders against the child, child's parent, or both compelling the child to attend school or the parent to take reasonable steps to assure the child's attendance. The order may require the parent, child, or both to follow an appropriate treatment plan that addresses problems affecting the child's school attendance and that ensures an opportunity for the child to obtain a quality education.

The building principal shall serve as the attendance officer for his/her school and the superintendent or designee shall serve as the school district attendance officer.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-32-110 (1)(mm) *(Board may authorize school employee to represent school district in judicial proceedings to enforce compulsory attendance)*  
C.R.S. 22-33-104 *(compulsory school attendance ages)*  
C.R.S. 22-33-104.5 *(home-based education)*  
C.R.S. 22-33-107 *(enforcement of school attendance laws)*  
C.R.S. 22-33-108 *(judicial proceedings to enforce school attendance laws)*

### **CROSS REFS.:**

#### *Board policies:*

EL-4, Communication and Counsel to the Board  
EL-9, Treatment of Students, Parents and Community  
EL-10, Student Conduct, Discipline and Attendance