

Oneida Special Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in April	Descriptor Term: Compulsory Attendance Ages	Descriptor Code: 6.201	Issued Date: 03/07/13
		Rescinds: 6.201	Issued: 03/13/03

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

8 Any child residing within the state who is or will be five (5) years of age on or before **August 15** for
9 the **current** school year and on or before August 15 for all school years thereafter, who makes
10 application for admission, shall be enrolled in the school designated by the Board.⁴

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

16 No child shall be eligible to enter first grade without having attended an approved kindergarten
17 program.⁵

18 A child entering a special education program shall be no less than three (3) years of age.⁶

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

- 21 1. He/she fails to enroll within thirty (30) calendar days after school officially starts; or
- 22 2. He/she has dropped out of school and wants to re-enter.

23 The compulsory attendance law shall not apply to the following:⁷

- 24 1. A student who has received a diploma or other certificate of graduation;
- 25 2. A student who is enrolled and making satisfactory progress in a course leading to a GED;
- 26 3. A student who is six (6) years or younger and whose parent or guardian has filed notice of
27 intent

- 1 to conduct home school with the director of schools; or
- 2 4. A student enrolled in a home school who has reached the age of seventeen (17).

Legal References

1. TCA 49-6-3001 (c)(1)
2. TCA 49-6-3001 (c)(5)
3. TCA 49-6-3005
4. TCA 49-6-201 (b)(3); TCA 49-6-3001 (b)(1)
5. TCA 49-6-201 (8)(d)
6. 20 U.S.C. Sec 5. 1400-1485
7. TCA 49-6-3001 (c)(2)(A)-(D)

Cross References

- Special Education Program 4.202
Adult Education Program 4.208
Special Education Students 6.500