

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AGES

Massachusetts Law establishes the board of education as the agent that determines mandatory and permissible school attendance ages, with exceptions listed in law. Generally, the Board requires that all children be enrolled in school beginning in September of the calendar year in which they attain the age of six (6) and that they attend school regularly until they reach the age of sixteen (16).

Under law, each school committee must enforce the school attendance of all children of compulsory school age residing in the city.

Established by law.

Legal Refs.: MGL 15:1G; 71:22; 71:25; 76:1

Board of Education Regulations for Entrance to First Grade and Kindergarten, adopted 7/20/71

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