

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AGES

Parents/guardians within the school district who have children over age six and under age sixteen by September 15, in proper physical and mental condition to attend school, will have the children attend the school the number of days school is in session in accordance with the school calendar. Students of compulsory attendance age will attend school a minimum of 156 days. Exceptions to this policy include children who:

- have completed the requirements for graduation in an accredited school or have obtained a high school equivalency diploma;
- are attending religious services or receiving religious instruction;
- are attending an approved or probationally approved private college preparatory school;
- are attending an accredited nonpublic school;
- are receiving independent private instruction; or,
- are receiving competent private instruction.

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian of a child to provide evidence of the child's mental and physical inability to attend school or of the child's qualifications for one of the exceptions listed above.

A student who reaches the age of 21 may not be enrolled in the Waterloo Community Schools unless special permission to do so is granted by the Executive Director of Student & At-Risk Services. This decision, subject to any grievance procedure, shall be final.

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