

POLICY

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Related Entries: **Policy 901**
Responsible Office: **DIVISION OF STUDENT SERVICES**

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

A. PURPOSE

To establish policy governing student attendance within Anne Arundel County Public Schools, including ages for compulsory attendance in accordance with Maryland State education law and regulations.

B. ISSUE

The Board of Education of Anne Arundel County is responsible for ensuring that students are enrolled in and attending school in accordance with state law. This policy establishes the authority and responsibility governing student enrollment and attendance.

C. POSITION

1. Each child who resides in this state and is five years old or older and under sixteen shall attend a public school regularly during the entire school year unless the child is otherwise receiving regular, thorough instruction during the school year in the studies usually taught in the public schools to children of the same age, or is exempted from attendance as provided by law.
2. Admission to prekindergarten, kindergarten, and first grade shall be based upon Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) guidelines.
3. The Superintendent, school principal, or a designee may excuse a student for necessary absence, and shall be responsible for following procedures regarding lawful and unlawful absences based on Maryland State Board Bylaw.
4. Each parent(s)/legal guardian(s) of a child who is five years old or older and under sixteen shall see that the child attends school or receives instruction as required by this section.

D. IMPLEMENTATION

The Superintendent will develop and publish regulations for the implementation of this policy.

Policy History: Adopted 5/16/07

Note previous history: Replaces Policies 901 and 901.01, adopted 5/20/91