

**COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AGE**

Compulsory attendance shall be required of all children in accordance with RSA 193:1.

A parent and or guardian of any child at least 6 years of age and under 18 years of age shall cause such child to attend the public school to which the child is assigned in the child's resident district. Such child shall attend full-time when such school is in session unless:

- a) The child is attending a public school outside the district to which the child is assigned or an approved private school for the same time;
- b) The child is receiving home education; or
- c) The relevant school district superintendent has excused a child from attendance because the child is physically or mentally unable to attend school, or has been temporarily excused upon the request of the parent or guardian for purposes agreed upon by the school authorities and the parent or guardian. Such excused absences shall not be permitted if they cause a serious adverse effect upon the student's educational progress. Students excused for such temporary absences may be claimed as full-time pupils for purposes of calculating state aid under RSA 186-C:18.

A child who reaches the sixth birthday after September 30 shall not be required to attend school under the provisions of this section until the following school year.

**Legal References:**

RSA 193:1, *Pupils; Duty of Parent; Compulsory Attendance by Pupil*  
RSA 186-C:13, *Special Education; Liability for Expenses*

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