

Bartlett City Board of Education		6020
Descriptor Term: COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AGE	Descriptor Code: Student Services	Issue Date: 02/27/2014
	Rescinds:	Revised: 06/27/2024

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

8 Any child residing within the City of Bartlett who is or will be five (5) years of age on or before
9 August 15 of the current school year may be enrolled at the beginning of the school year in the
10 school designated by the Board.⁴ Any transfer student who was previously enrolled in an
11 approved kindergarten program and who will reach five (5) years of age on or before December
12 31 of the current school year shall be enrolled. A child entering a special education program shall
13 be no less than three (3) years of age.⁵

14 No child shall be eligible to enter first grade without having attended an approved kindergarten
15 program.⁶

16 A person eighteen (18) years of age or older who applies for admission must have the application
17 approved by the principal when:

- 18 1. The applicant fails to enroll within twenty (20) calendar days after school officially
19 starts; or
- 20 2. The applicant has dropped out of school and wants to re-enter.

21 The Board may excuse from compulsory attendance students who have attained their
22 seventeenth (17th) birthday and whose continued compulsory attendance, in the opinion of the
23 Board with the written recommendation of the Superintendent and Principal, results in detriment
24 to good order and discipline and to the instruction of other students and is not of substantial benefit
25 to the children.⁷

¹ T.C.A. §49-6-3001(c)(1)

² T.C.A. §49-6-3001(c)(5)

³ T.C.A. §49-6-3005

⁴ T.C.A. §49-6-201(b)(3); T.C.A §49-6-3001(a)

⁵ 20 U.S.C. 5 §§1400-1485

⁶ T.C.A. §49-6-201(8)(d)

⁷ T.C.A. §49-6-3005; TRR/MS 0520-01-02-.17

- 1 The compulsory attendance law shall not apply to the following:⁸
- 2 1. A student who has received a diploma or other certificate of graduation; or
 - 3 2. A student who is enrolled and making satisfactory progress in a course leading to a GED;
 - 4 or
 - 5 3. A student who is six (6) years of age or younger and whose parent/guardian has filed a
 - 6 notice of intent to conduct home school with the Superintendent; or
 - 7 4. A student enrolled in a home school who has reached the age of seventeen (17).

⁸ T.C.A. §49-6-3001(c)(2)(A)-(D)