



STUDENTS: Enrollment and Attendance

I. Attendance and Excuses

A. Age of Attendance

1. All individuals who are five (5) years old by September 1 or turning twenty-one (21) after the first day of school may enroll in the public schools. Seniors, who turn 21, must be eligible for graduation by the end of that school year.
2. Children admitted to a pre-kindergarten program in the public schools shall be four (4) years old on or before September 1 of the year they apply for entrance.

B. Regularity of Attendance

1. The Board of Education of Baltimore County (Board) emphasizes the value of regular attendance in enabling students to benefit from the school program. The teachers, the school administration, and the Department of Student Support Services will work cooperatively to reduce the problems of absenteeism. The Superintendent shall develop procedures for the review of the attendance of all students.

Legal References: *Annotated Code of Maryland*, Education Article, §7-101, §7-302

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