

## **Students**

### **Ages of Attendance**

In accordance with Connecticut General Statute 10-186, the Easton Board of Education shall provide education for all resident persons five (5) years of age and older, having attained age five (5) on or before the first day of January of any school year, and under twenty-one (21) years of age who is not a graduate of a high school or vocational school, except as provided in Connecticut General Statutes 10-233c and subsection of 10-233d. Additionally according to Connecticut General Statute 10-76d (b)(2), special education will be provided for children who have attained the age of three (3) and who have been identified as being in need of special education, and whose educational potential will be irreparably diminished without special education.

Parents and those who have the care of children age five (5) years of age and over and under eighteen (18) years of age, are obligated by Connecticut law to require their children to attend public day school or its equivalent in the district in which such child resides, unless such child is a high school graduate or the parent(s) or person(s) having control of such child is able to show that the child is elsewhere receiving equivalent instruction in the studies taught in the public schools. For the school year commencing July 1, 2011 and each school year thereafter, the parent(s) or person(s) having control of a child seventeen (17) years of age may consent to such child's withdrawal from school. The parent(s) or person(s) shall exercise this option by personally appearing at the school district office to sign a withdrawal form. Such withdrawal form shall include an attestation from a guidance counselor or school administrator of the school that this district has provided the parent(s) or person(s) with information on the educational opportunities options available in the school system and in the community.

The parent(s) or person(s) having control of a child five (5) or six (6) years of age shall have the option of not sending the child to school until the child is six (6) or seven (7) years of age. The parent(s) or person(s) shall exercise such option by personally appearing at the school district office and signing an option form. The option must be exercised by personal appearance and signature of form, for each school year the child is not being sent to school, regardless of whether such option was exercised in prior year. The district shall provide the parent(s) or person(s) with information on educational opportunities available in the school system.

For the school year commencing July 1, 2011 and each school year thereafter, a child who has attained the age of seventeen or older and who has voluntarily terminated enrollment with parental consent in the district schools and subsequently seeks re-admission may be denied re-admission for up to ninety (90) school days from the date of such termination unless the child seeks re-admission to the school district not later than ten (10) school days after the termination in which case the board shall provide school accommodations to the child not later than three (3) school days after the child seeks re-admission.

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### Ages of Attendance (continued)

Children are required to stay in school until age eighteen (18) unless they graduate from high school or their parent(s) or others having control over them give consent to their leaving school at age seventeen (17). The student's parent(s) or person(s) with control over him/her must appear at the school district office to sign a form withdrawing the student from school.

A child who has attained the age of nineteen (19) years of age or older may be placed by the Board in an alternative school program or other suitable educational program if he/she cannot acquire a sufficient number of credits for graduation by age twenty-one (21).

Any child entering or returning to the district from placement in a juvenile detention school, the Connecticut Juvenile Training School, or any other residential placement, shall have the educational records of such child provided to the Superintendent of Schools by the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and the Judicial Department. Such information will be shared with the principal of the school to which the student is assigned. The principal can disclose them to those staff who teach or care for the child.

(cf 5111 – Admission/Placement)

(cf 6146 – Graduation Requirements)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-15 Towns to maintain schools.

10-15c Discrimination in public schools prohibited. School attendance by five-year olds.

10-76a - 10-76g re: special education.

10-184 Duties of parents (re: Mandatory schooling for children age five to eighteen, inclusive) as amended by PA-98-243, PA 00-157 and PA 09-6 (September Special Session).

10-186 Duties of local and regional boards of education re: school attendance. Hearing. Appeals to state board. Establishment of hearing board. (Amended by PA 96-26 Section 1 An Act Concerning Graduation Requirements and Re-admission and Placement of Older Students and PA 09-6 September Special Session)

Appeals to State Board. Establishment of hearing board

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**Ages of Attendance (continued)**

Legal Reference: 10-220 Duties of boards of education. (Amended by PA 96-26 Section 2 An Act Concerning Graduation Requirements and Re-admission and Placement of Older Students)

10-233a-10-233f Inclusive, re: suspension, expulsion and removal of pupils.

10-233c Suspension of pupils

10-233d Expulsion of pupils

State Board of Education Regulations

10-76a-1 General definitions (c) (d) (q) (t)

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