

STUDENTS

Qualifications of Attendance and Placement

Age of Admission

Attending the schools of the district shall be recognized as a right and responsibility for those who meet the requirements prescribed by law.

Every resident of the district who satisfied the minimum entry age requirement and is less than twenty-one years of age has the right to attend the district's schools until he/she completes high school graduation requirements.

Children of age 8 and less than age 18 are required by law to attend public school, a state-approved private school or educational center, or be receiving home-based instruction complying with state law. The superintendent or designee shall exercise his/her authority to grant exceptions when he/she determines that the student:

1. Is physically or mentally unable to attend school,
2. Is attending a residential school operated by the department of social and health services,
3. Is incarcerated in an adult correctional facility,
4. Has been temporarily excused upon the request of his or her parents for purposes agreed upon by the school authorities and parents.

Under certain circumstances, children who are at least 16 and less than 18 years may be excused from further attendance at school. The superintendent or designee shall exercise his/her authority to grant exceptions when he/she determines that the student:

1. Has met graduation requirements
2. Has received a certificate of educational competence
3. Is regularly and lawfully employed and has parent permission or is emancipated in accordance with chapter 13.64 RCW.

A resident who has been granted an exception retains the right to enroll as a part-time student and shall be entitled to take any course, receive any ancillary services and take or receive any combination of courses and ancillary services which is offered by a public school to full-time students.

Entrance Qualifications

The entrance age for kindergarten students shall be five (5) years old on or before August 31 of the year they enroll. The entrance age for first grade students shall be six (6) years old on or before August 31 of the year they enroll. A birth certificate should be presented at the time the student is enrolled.

Provisions are to be made for the rare cases in which children are mature enough for school

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enrollment before they reach the approved age. Individual tests will be administered at the expense of the parents, and, in all special cases, the school administration shall make the final decision for enrolling the students.

A student who is transferring from a private school or a school in another state, and who is not requesting early entry testing for kindergarten or first grade, may be placed in a temporary classroom assignment for the purposes of evaluation prior to making a final determination of the student's appropriate placement. Such determination shall be made no later than the 30th calendar day following the student's first day of attendance.

Placement of Students

The Kennewick School District reserves the right to and may assign students to attend schools or programs other than at their usual attendance area (“home”) school for certain specific reasons. These reasons include, but are not limited to the following:

1. To meet the academic needs,
2. To provide appropriate programming for special needs students,
3. To avoid or lessen program disruption, and/or
4. To protect the health and safety of either the assigned student or other students or staff,
5. To establish a plan for re-entry as a result of a suspension or expulsion,
6. To otherwise meet District or student needs.

It is recognized that these exceptional assignments for certain students are only to be made with good reason. Any student or parent/guardian who disagrees with a District assignment to other than the student’s resident attendance area school may appeal the assignment to the Superintendent or his/her designee.

Legal References:	RCW 28A.225.010	Attendance mandatory--Age--Person having custody--When excused
	28A.225.020	School’s duties upon juvenile’s failure to attend school
	28A.225.160	Attendance age eligibility
	28A.225.220	Adults, children from other districts, agreements for attending school--Tuition
	WAC 180-39	Uniform Entry Qualifications
	392-134-10	Attendance rights of part-time public school students
	392-137	District policies--Procedure and criteria for release of resident students and admission of nonresident students

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