

SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Salem, CT

STUDENTS

AGES OF ATTENDANCE

In accordance with Connecticut General Statute 10-186, the Salem Board of Education shall provide education for all persons five years of age and older, having attained age five on or before the first day of January of any school year, and under twenty-one years of age who is not a graduate of a high school or vocational school, except as provided in CGS 10-233c and 10-233d. Additionally, in accordance with CGS 10-76d (b2), special education will be provided for children who have attained the age of three 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 legal guardians of a child five years of age and over and under eighteen years of age are required by Connecticut law to have their child attend public school or its equivalent, unless such child is a high school graduate or the parent or guardian is able to demonstrate that the child is receiving equivalent instruction in the studies taught in the public schools. The parent or guardian of a child sixteen or seventeen years of age must consent in writing to the withdrawal of their child from school. For the school year commencing July 1, 2011 and each school year thereafter, the parent or person having control of a child seventeen years of age may consent to such child's withdrawal from school. The parent or person 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 or person with information on the educational opportunities options available in the school system and in the community.

The parent or guardian having control of a child who is five years of age shall have the option of not sending the child to school until the child is six years of age. The parent or guardian having control of a child six years of age shall have the option of not sending the child to school until the child is seven years of age. The parent or guardian shall exercise such option by personally appearing at the school district office and signing an option form. (Appendix A) The district shall provide the parent or guardian with information on the educational opportunities available in the school district.

A child who has attained the age of seventeen and who has voluntarily terminated enrollment with parental consent in the district's schools and subsequently seeks readmission may be denied readmission for up to ninety school days from the date of such termination, unless such child seeks readmission to the District not later than ten (10) schooldays after such termination in which case the Board shall provide school

accommodations to such child not later than three school days after such child seeks readmission.

A child who has attained the age of nineteen or older may be placed 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.

Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes: 10-15, 10-15c, 10-76a, 10-184, 10-186, 10-233a, 10-233c, 10-233d. State Board of Education Regulations: 10-76a-1 General definitions (c) (d) (q) (t).

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OPTION TO EXEMPT ATTENDANCE  
OF A CHILD FIVE OR SIX YEARS OF AGE FROM SCHOOL**

Pursuant to Section 10-184 of the Connecticut General Statutes,

I \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_  
**Name of Parent, Guardian or Other** **Address**

the parent, guardian or other person charged with the care of the following minor child

\_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_  
**Name of Child** **Address**

born on \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby choose not to send my child to public

school during the \_\_\_\_\_ school year.  
**School Year**

Furthermore, before signing this form, \_\_\_\_\_, a  
**Name of representative from school district**

representative of the \_\_\_\_\_ school district met with me and provided me with  
information concerning the educational opportunities and school accommodations  
available in the school system.

ACKNOWLEDGED BY:

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Parent, Guardian or Other**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**