

EXEMPTIONS FROM ATTENDANCE

Note: Under AS.14.30.010, every child between the ages of seven and sixteen must attend public school, except in authorized instances. (*cf. AR 5112.1*) As amended in 2002, if a parent or guardian elects to enroll a child who is six years of age in first grade the child is subject to compulsory education. However, if a parent or guardian subsequently determines, within 60 days after the child is enrolled that the best interests of the child are not being served by enrollment in the first grade, the child may be withdrawn from school. If this occurs, the compulsory attendance laws do not apply until the child is seven years of age.

The School Board is responsible for enforcing state compulsory attendance laws. The School Board may excuse a child from compulsory public-school attendance as allowed by law. Parents/guardians of children granted exemption shall not incur penalties for violations of the compulsory attendance laws.

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

14.30.010 When attendance compulsory

14.30.020 Violations

14.30.030 Prevention and reduction of truancy

14.30.340 When not required to enroll

14.45.030-147.45.200 Private and denominational schools

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