

## **STUDENT ATTENDANCE**

Code: **JB**

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State law requires a parent/guardian to cause their children, from age five until the attainment of their seventeenth birthday or graduation from high school, to attend regularly a public or private school. If a student is not six years of age on or before the first day of September in a particular school, the parent/guardian may elect for his/her child not to attend kindergarten. For this purpose, the parent/guardian must sign and provide to the district a written document making such an election. The Board expects school-aged children to attend school regularly. The district shall develop procedures to implement this policy.

Adopted: 12/19/02

### Constitutional and Statutory Provisions:

A. S.C. Code, 1976, as amended:

1. Section 59-35-10 - Each district is to provide a kindergarten program.
2. Section 59-63-20(3) - Entrance age for kindergarten program.
3. Section 59-63-20(4) - Entrance age for first grade.
4. Section 59-63-20(6) - Four-year-olds may attend optional child development programs.
5. Section 65-10 - Compulsory attendance age group in South Carolina includes children ages five through seventeen; parents may waive compulsory kindergarten attendance requirement.

B. State Board of Education Regulations:

1. Regulations 43-274 - Student attendance.