

## Students

### Ages of Attendance

According to Connecticut General Statute 10-186, the 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 have not graduated from a high school or vocational school, except as provided in Connecticut General Statutes 10-233c and 10-233d. According to Connecticut General Statute 10-76d (b) (2), special education will be provided for children who have attained school age 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 control of children five years of age and over and under eighteen 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 or person 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. The parent or person having control of a child sixteen or seventeen years of age must 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. This district shall provide the parent or person with information on the educational opportunities available in the school system and in the community.

The parent or person having control of a child 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 person 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 person shall exercise such option by personally appearing at the school district office and signing an option form. The district shall provide the parent or person with information on the educational opportunities available in the school system.

A child who has attained the age of sixteen or seventeen and who has 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.

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.

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### Ages of Attendance (continued)

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 ages five to sixteen, inclusive) as amended by PA-98-243, and PA 00-157

10-186 Duties of local and regional boards of education re school attendance. Hearings. (Amended by PA 96-26 An Act Concerning Graduation Requirements and Readmission and Placement of Older Students)

Appeals to State Board. Establishment of hearing board

10-233a - 10-233f Inclusive; re: suspend, expel, 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)

HAMDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Hamden, Connecticut

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF OPTION TO EXEMPT ATTENDANCE OF  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
who was  
*Name of Child* *Address*

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

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

Furthermore, before signing this form, a representative of the \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of District*

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*

HAMDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Hamden, Connecticut

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF OPTION TO WITHDRAW  
CHILD SIXTEEN OR SEVENTEEN 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
who was  
*Name of Child* *Address*

born on \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby elect to withdraw my child from public  
*Date*

school. Furthermore, before signing this form, a representative of the \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of District*

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*