

# Dickson County Board of Education

Monitoring: <b>Review: Annually, in April</b>	Descriptor Term: <b>Compulsory Attendance Ages</b>	Descriptor Code: <b>6.201</b>	Issued Date: <b>02/28/13</b>
		Rescinds: <b>6.2031</b>	Issued: <b>12/17/98</b>

1 Children between the ages of six (6) and seventeen (17) years, both inclusive, must attend a public or  
2 non-public school. (TCA 49-6-3001; Covell v. State (1920), 143 Tenn. 571, 227 S.W. 41) Under certain  
3 circumstances the Board may temporarily excuse students from complying with the provisions of the  
4 compulsory attendance law. (TCA 49-6-3005)

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6 During the 2013-2014 School Year: Any child residing within the state, five (5) years of age on or before  
7 August 31 of the current school year, who makes application for admission and provides appropriate docu-  
8 mentation shall be enrolled in the school designated by the Board. (TCA 49-6-3001)

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10 Effective for the 2014 School Year: A child entering kindergarten shall be no less than five (5) years of  
11 age on or before August 15 of the current school term. No child shall be eligible to enter first grade after  
12 July 1, 1993 without having attended an approved kindergarten program. (TCA 49-6-201)

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14 Children who participate(d) in a pre-kindergarten program during the 2012-13 or 2013-14 school years  
15 may enter kindergarten in the 2013-14 or 2014-15 school years respectively.

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17 A child entering a special education program shall be no less than three (3) years of age. (20 USC 5: 1400-  
18 1485)

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20 A person eighteen (18) years of age or older or who has completed eight (8) semesters of secondary school  
21 who applies for admission must have the application approved by the principal and Director of  
22 Schools/Designee when:

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- 24 1. He/she fails to enroll within thirty (30) calendar days after school officially starts; or
  - 25 2. He/she has dropped out of school and wants to re-enter; or
  - 26 27 3. He/she has previously been expelled.

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30 The compulsory attendance law shall not apply to the following: (TCA 49-6-3005)

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- 32 1. A student who has received a diploma or other certificate of graduation;
  - 33 34 2. A student who is enrolled and making satisfactory progress in a course leading to a GED; or
  - 35 36 3. A student enrolled in a home school who has reached the age of seventeen (17).

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Cross References:  
Special Education Program 4.202  
Adult Education Program 4.208  
Special Education Students 6.500