

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AGES

Compulsory education laws require that:

"Every parent, guardian or other person having control or charge of any child who is a resident of this state and whose seventh birthday falls on or before September 15 of any year and who has not yet attained his 16th birthday or completed the tenth grade shall be required to send such child to, and such child shall be required to attend, a public or private school each year, during the entire time that the public schools shall be in session in the district in which the pupil resides; provided, that the board of trustees of each school district may exempt any child from the operation of this article when:

1. The board believes that compulsory attendance in school would be detrimental to the mental or physical health of such child or the other children in the school; provided, the board may designate at the expense of the district a medical doctor of its choice to guide it and support it in its decision;
2. The board feels that compulsory school attendance might work undue hardship. The board may conduct a hearing on issues pursuant to this paragraph by executive session;
or
3. The child has been legally excluded from the regular schools pursuant to the provisions of Wyo. Stat. § 21-4-306.

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LEGAL REFS.: WY ST § 21-4-102

CROSS REF.: JED, Student Absences and Excuses

School District #1, Sweetwater County, Wyoming