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## QUALIFICATIONS OF ATTENDANCE AND PLACEMENT

### A. Age of Admission

Attending the schools of the District shall be recognized as a right and responsibility for those who meet the requirements prescribed by law. Every resident of the District who satisfies the minimum entry age requirement and is less than 21 years of age has the right to attend the District's schools until he/she completes high school graduation requirements. Children of age 8 and less than age 18 are required by law to attend a public school, an approved private school, or educational center, unless they are receiving approved home-based instruction. Under certain circumstances, children who are at least 16 and less than 18 years of age may be excused from further attendance at school. The superintendent shall exercise his/her authority to grant exceptions when he/she determines that the student:

1. Is lawfully and regularly employed; and
2. Has permission of a parent; or,
3. Is emancipated pursuant to Chapter 13.64 RCW; or
4. Is subject to one of the other exceptions to compulsory attendance.

A resident student who has been granted an exception retains the right to enroll as a part-time student and shall be entitled to take any course, receive any ancillary services, and take or receive any combination of courses and ancillary services which is offered by a public school to full-time students.

### B. Entrance Qualifications

To be admitted to a kindergarten program which commences in the fall of the year, a child must be not less than 5 years of age prior to September 1 of that school year. No exemptions will be made. To be admitted to a first grade program which commences in the fall of the year, a child must be not less than 6 years of age prior to September 1 of that school year. Any student not otherwise eligible for entry to the first grade who has successfully completed a state-approved, public, or private kindergarten program of 450 or more hours, including instruction in the essential academic learning requirements and other subjects that the District determines are appropriate, shall be permitted entry into the first-grade program. If necessary, the student may be placed in a temporary classroom assignment for the purposes of evaluation prior to making a final determination of the student's appropriate placement. Such determination shall be made no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> calendar day following the student's first day of attendance.

### C. Admission of Students Aged Twenty-One or Older

A student aged 21 or older may enroll in a school in the District under the following conditions:

1. There is available space in the school and program which the student shall attend;
2. Tuition is prepaid;
3. The student provides his/her own transportation;
4. The student resides in the state of Washington; and
5. In the judgment of the superintendent, no adult education program is available at reasonable costs and the District's program is appropriate to the needs of the student.

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