

## **EXCLUSIONS AND EXEMPTIONS FROM SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

The Regional School Board shall excuse the following from attendance at school:

1. Any student who, together with the student's parents, by reason of bona fide religious training or belief is conscientiously opposed to attendance at school.
2. On the recommendation of the juvenile and domestic relations court of the city or county in which the student resides, and for such period of time as the court determines appropriate, any student who, together with the student's parents, is opposed to attendance at a school by reason of concern for the student's health as verified by competent medical evidence, or by reason of such pupil's reasonable apprehension for personal safety when such concern or apprehension in that pupil's specific case is determined by the court, upon consideration of the recommendation of the executive director and appropriate local division superintendent, to be justified.

The Regional School Board may excuse the following from attendance at school:

1. On recommendation of the executive director and the local division superintendent and with the written consent of the parent or guardian, any student whom the Regional School Board determines, in accordance with regulations of the Board of Education, cannot benefit from education at school; or
2. On recommendation of the juvenile and domestic relations district court of the city or county in which the student resides, any student who, in the judgment of the court, cannot benefit from education at school.

Any request for exemption from attendance shall be provided or presented annually in writing to the executive director or the executive director's designee. The compulsory education requirements do not apply to

- children suffering from contagious or infectious diseases;
- children whose immunizations against communicable diseases have not been completed;
- children under 10 years of age who live more than two miles from a public school unless public transportation is provided within one mile of the place where such children live; and
- children between the ages of 10 and 17, inclusive, who live more than 2.5 miles from a public school unless public transportation is provided within 1.5 miles of the place where such children live.

In addition, a child's attendance from school may be delayed for one year, when such any child who will not have reached the child's sixth birthday age of 6 years old on or before September 30 of each such school year and whose parent or guardian notifies the Regional School Board that the parent does not wish the child to attend school until the following year because the child, in the opinion of the parent or guardian, is not mentally, physically, or emotionally prepared to attend school, may delay the child's attendance for one year.

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Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, § 22.1-254.

Cross Refs.:	Pol 8003	Compulsory Attendance
	Pol 4020	Immunization of Students
	Pol 2018	Communicable Diseases
	Pol 3030	Home Instruction