

## CHAPTER 5.00 – STUDENTS

### STUDENT ATTENDANCE

5.04

1. Introduction. The St. Johns County School Board is committed to the principle that regular school attendance is essential to students' educational success.
2. Required Attendance. All children who have attained the age of 6 years or who will have attained the age of 6 years by February 1 of any school year or who are older than 6 years of age but who have not attained the age of 16 years, except at otherwise provided, are required to attend school regularly during the entire school term.
3. Declaration of Intent to Terminate Enrollment. A student who attains the age of 16 years and who has not graduated is subject to compulsory school attendance unless the student has filed a formal declaration of intent to terminate school enrollment with the student's assigned school or the School Board.
4. Marriage or Pregnancy. Students who become or have become married and students who are pregnant shall not be prohibited from attending school. These students and students who are parents shall receive the same educational instruction or its equivalent as other students, but may voluntarily be assigned to a class or program suited to their special needs. Consistent with Florida Statute 1003.54, pregnant or parenting teens may participate in a teenage parent program. Pregnant students may attend alternative education programs or adult education programs, provided that the curriculum allows the student to continue to work toward a high school diploma.
5. Children 3 Years of Age or Younger with Disabilities. Consistent with rules adopted by the State Board of Education, children with disabilities who have attained the age of 3 years shall be eligible for admission to public special education programs and for related services. Children with disabilities younger than 3 years of age who are deaf or hard of hearing, visually impaired, dual sensory impaired, orthopedically impaired, or other health impaired or who have experienced traumatic brain injury, have autism spectrum disorder, have established conditions, or exhibit developmental delays or intellectual disabilities may be eligible for special programs and may receive services in accordance with rules of the State Board of Education.
6. Homeless Students. Children and youths who are experiencing homelessness must have access to a free public education and must be admitted to school in the school district in which they or their families live. The District shall assist such children in meeting the requirements for enrollment set forth in Florida Statute 1003.22 and School Board Rule 5.05.
7. Guidelines and Procedures. The Superintendent is authorized to enact guidelines and procedures to interpret and implement this rule.

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**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

**1001.41, F.S.**

**LAWS IMPLEMENTED:**

**1003.21; 1003.23; 1003.24;  
1003.26, F.S.**

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RULE**

**6A-6.0331, F.A.C.**

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