

Students

School Attendance

Pursuant to state law, parents and those who have the control of children five years of age and over and under eighteen years of age, shall require their children to attend public school in which such child resides during the hours and terms the public school is in session, unless such child is a high school graduate or the parent or person having control of such child is able to show that the child is elsewhere receiving equivalent instruction in the studies taught in the public schools.

The Administration will identify potential dropout students and provide reasonable and appropriate resources in order to assist such students.

Option to withdraw from enrollment at age 17

Any student who seeks to drop out of school shall be referred immediately to a guidance counselor or school administrator. The parent or person having control of a child seventeen years of age may consent to such child's withdrawal from school. The parent or person shall exercise this option by personally appearing at the school district office to sign a withdrawal form. The withdrawal form shall include an attestation from a guidance counselor or school-based administrator that the school district has provided such parent or person with information on the educational opportunities available in the school system and in the community. Parental consent shall not be required if the student is at or above the age of majority.

Readmission after voluntary withdrawal

If a student voluntarily withdraws from enrollment in school and subsequently seeks readmission within ten (10) school days, the student must be provided school accommodations within three (3) school days after the student seeks readmission. If a student subsequently seeks readmission more than ten (10) school days after terminating, the Board of Education may deny school accommodations for up to ninety (90) school days from the date of the withdrawal.

(cf. 5111 - Admission)

(cf. 5112 - Ages of Attendance)

(cf. 5113 - Admission/Excuses/Dismissal)

(cf. 5113.2 - Truancy)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
10-15c School attendance by five-year olds
10-184 Duties of parents. School attendance age requirements
10-186 Duties of local and regional Board of Education
re school attendance

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NEW MILFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
New Milford, Connecticut

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OPTION TO WITHDRAW STUDENT
SEVENTEEN YEARS OF AGE FROM SCHOOL**

Pursuant to Section 10-184 of the Connecticut General Statutes,

I _____, of _____
Name of Parent, Guardian or Other *Address*

the parent, guardian or other person charged with the care of the following minor child

_____, of _____
Name of Student *Address*

born on _____ do hereby elect to withdraw my child from public
Date of birth of student

school. Furthermore, before signing this form, I was provided with information on the educational opportunities available to my child in the school system and the community.

Signature of Parent, Guardian or Other

Date

ATTESTATION OF GUIDANCE COUNSELOR/SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR:

I, _____, met with the parent/guardian or other person
Name of guidance counselor or administrator

charged with the care of _____ on _____
Name of student *Date of meeting*

and provided such parent or person with information on the educational opportunities available in the school system and in the community.

Signature of Guidance Counselor or School Administrator

Date