

## **J-4 COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AGES**

Subject to the specific exceptions cited in IC 20-8-1-3, each child who is not less than seven (7) years of age and not more than seventeen (17) years of age, or reaches the age of sixteen (16) years and withdraws from school per state law, shall attend either a public school, which the child is entitled to attend under IC 20-8.1-6.1-1, or some other school which is taught in the English language. A child for whom education is compulsory under this section shall attend school each year (1) for the number of days public schools are in session in the school corporation in which the child is enrolled in Indiana; or (2) if the child is enrolled outside of Indiana, for the number of days the public schools are in session where the child is enrolled. Attendance shall mean to be physically present in a school or at another location where the school's educational program is being conducted during regular school hours on a day in which the educational program in which the student is enrolled is being offered (including a mandatory videoconference, phone conference, or other virtual environment during e-learning days or virtual programming).

If a parent does not send his or her child to school because of the child's illness or mental or physical incapacity, it is unlawful for the parent to fail or refuse to produce a certificate of the incapacity for an attendance officer within six (6) days after it is demanded. The certificate required under this section shall be signed by an Indiana physician or by an individual holding a license to practice osteopathy or chiropractic in this state or by a Christian Science practitioner who resides in Indiana and is listed in the Christian Science Journal.

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