

STRAIT REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD <i>Excellence in Lifelong Learning</i> POLICIES AND GUIDELINES	STUDENTS IV-E-2
	Student Attendance AGES FOR ATTENDING SCHOOL
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STUDENT ATTENDANCE
Ages for Attending School

1. Right to attend school: Every person over the age of five (5) years and under the age of twenty-one (21) years has the right to attend a public school serving the school district or school region in which that person resides, as assigned by the school board. **[Reference *The Education Act, S. 5(2)*]**

2. Limiting age for school entry: A child who has attained the age of five years on or before December 31 in any year shall be deemed to be a person over five years of age for the purpose of attending school during the ensuing school year. **[Reference *Governor in Council Education Act Regulations 3 (1)*]**

3. Students aged 21 and over: Under ordinary circumstances students will have completed the public school program by the age of twenty-one (21) years. In the following circumstances, however, older students may be permitted to enrol in the regular school programs:
 - *a student has not attained a high school graduation diploma;*
 - *specific upgrading is required to obtain admission to a post-secondary school program or to pursue a specific career; and/or*
 - *additional resources are not required for the school and/or school board to accommodate the student.*

- 3.1 **Contract required**: In these cases a contractual agreement will be prepared between the school and the student, outlining the expectations for the student in terms of course load, attendance, performance, behaviour, compliance with school regulations and the term of attendance. In addition, the student shall provide a completed Child Abuse Registry and Criminal Records Check prior to attending school. Failure to meet the contractual expectations will result the loss of the privilege to attend school.

- 3.2 **Processing of requests**: All students age 21 years or older must have their requests to return to school processed through the Board’s Director of Programs and Student Services.