

Compulsory Attendance Ages

Every child who has attained the age of seven years and is under the age of 16 is required to attend public school with such exceptions as provided by law. It is the parents' responsibility to ensure attendance.

The courts may issue orders against the child, child's parent, or both compelling the child to attend school or the parent to take reasonable steps to assure the child's attendance. The order may require the parent, child, or both to follow an appropriate treatment plan that addresses problems affecting the child's school attendance and that ensures an opportunity for the child to obtain a quality education.

The compulsory school attendance laws also apply to a six-year-old child who has been enrolled in a public school in the first grade or in a higher grade level unless the parent or guardian chooses to withdraw the child.

LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. [22-33-104](#)
 C.R.S. [22-33-104.5](#)
 C.R.S. [22-33-107](#)
 C.R.S. [22-33-108](#)