



COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE LAW
LA R.S. 17:221
SUBPART C. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

§221. School attendance; compulsory ages; duty of parents; excessive absences; condition for driving privileges

A.(1)(a) For the 2021-2022 school year, the parent or legal guardian of a child who is age seven through eighteen and residing within the state of Louisiana shall send the child to a public or nonpublic school, unless the child graduates from high school prior to his eighteenth birthday. A child below the age of seven who legally enrolls in school shall also be subject to the provisions of this Subpart.

(b) Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, the parent or legal guardian of a child who resides in Louisiana and who is age five, by September thirtieth of the calendar year in which the school year begins, through eighteen shall send the child to a public or nonpublic school, as defined by R.S. 17:236, unless the child's parent or legal guardian opted to defer enrollment of his child in kindergarten pursuant to R.S.17:151.3(D) or the child graduates from high school prior to his eighteenth birthday. A child below the age of five who legally enrolls in school shall also be subject to the provisions of this Subpart.

(c) The parent or legal guardian of the child shall also assure the attendance of the child in regularly assigned classes during regular school hours established by the school board and shall assure that the child is not habitually tardy from school pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 17:233.

(2) Whoever violates the provisions of this Subsection shall be fined not more than two hundred and fifty dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both. The court shall impose a minimum condition of probation which may include that the parent, tutor, or other person having control or charge of the child participate in forty hours of school or community service activities, or a combination of forty hours of school or community service and attendance in parenting classes or family counseling sessions or programs approved by the court having jurisdiction, as applicable, or the suspension of any state-issued recreational license.

(3) Whoever violates any other provision of this Subpart or any other provision of law which provides for the penalty provided for in this Section shall be fined not more than fifteen dollars, and, for such violations, each day the violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

(4) Visiting teachers or supervisors of child welfare and attendance, with the approval of the parish or city superintendents of schools, shall file proceedings in court to enforce the provisions of this Subpart.

I have read, been advised and understand the above law.

Child's Name (Print)

School/Grade Level

Parent/Legal Guardian's Name (Print)

Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature

Date (MM/DD/YYYY)