

STUDENT SERVICES

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EXCLUSIONS AND EXEMPTIONS FROM SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

1. Charlottesville City Schools shall comply with the Code of Virginia regarding allowed exclusions and exemptions from school attendance for the following reasons:
 - A. religious beliefs or conscientious objection of the parents to public school
 - B. recommendations from the juvenile and domestic relations court
 - C. recommendations from the principal or Superintendent that the student cannot benefit educationally from a school setting.
2. A description of each of these exclusions and exemptions is located in [Policy JEG](#).
3. Any request for exemption from attendance shall be presented annually in writing to the Superintendent or his/her designee.
4. The compulsory attendance requirement does not apply to the following children:
 - A. Children suffering from contagious or infectious diseases
 - B. Children whose immunizations against communicable diseases have not been completed. (See [Policy JHCB](#))
 - C. Any child under 10 years of age who lives more than two miles from a public school unless public transportation is provided within one mile of the place where they live and any child who is between 10 and 17 years of age and lives more than two and one-half miles from a public school, unless public transportation is provided within one and one-half miles of the place where the child lives.
6. Any parent, guardian or other person having control or charge of a child being exempted or excused from school attendance shall comply with the immunization requirement provided in § 32.1-46 Code of Virginia in the same manner and to the same extent as if the child has been enrolled in and is attending school.
7. Any request for exemption from attendance shall be presented annually in writing to the Superintendent or designee.
8. The Superintendent or designee shall review the request and notify the parent regarding the approval or denial. The notification shall explain the criteria for the approval or denial and any procedures required for annual updates or requests.
9. All exemptions based on religious beliefs and granted by the Charlottesville City School Board shall be in accordance with existing state law.
10. For any child who has not reached his sixth birthday on or before September 30 of the school year, the parent may notify the school board that the parents do not wish to have the child attend school until the following year because the child is not mentally, physically, or emotionally prepared to attend school, in their opinion.

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11. The Director of Special Education and Student Services shall serve as the designee of the Superintendent for enrollment/registration for students or requests for exemption. The [procedures for registration/enrollment](#) are located in the Department of Special Education and Student Services Procedures Manual.

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Legal References: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-254

Cross References: JEA Compulsory Attendance
JHCB Immunization of Students
JHCC Communicable Diseases
LBD Home Instruction