

**Cambridge Public Schools
Administrative Guidelines and Procedures**

UPPER AGE LIMIT FOR STUDENTS

Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education regulations allow each district school committee to establish the permissible age limits for school attendance, as long as the minimum age is not older than six (6) years nor the maximum age younger than sixteen (16) years, as this is the age range established for compulsory school attendance. However, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education advises that the upper age limit for admission should be no lower than would allow attendance up to a student's twenty-second (22nd) birthday in light of federal and state laws providing for the education of students with disabilities up to their twenty-second (22nd) birthdays. Mass. Gen. Laws, ch. 71B, §§ 1-15.

As a result, and consistent with the guidance of the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, CPS shall guarantee access to public education to any person until their twenty-second (22nd) birthday or until they receive a high school diploma, whichever comes first.

Policy references: JEB

Legal references: M.G.L.c. 71B, §§ 1-15

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