

Massachusetts General Law makes the following provisions regarding the enumeration of school age children in the system:

“The school committee of each town shall ascertain and record the names, ages and such other information as may be required by the Department of Education, of all minors residing therein between five and sixteen, and of all minors over 16 who do not meet the requirements for the completion of the sixth grade of the public schools of the town where they reside. The school committee of each town shall also ascertain the number of pupils, regardless of age, whose parents or guardians are residents of the town and who are enrolled for full-time attendance, in kindergarten and grades up to and including grade twelve, in public and vocational schools and classes in the commonwealth and nonpublic schools anywhere.”

“The superintendent of schools of each town shall file annually on or before the date prescribed by law with the Commissioner of Education, on forms provided by the Department of Education, a sworn statement reporting the number of pupils whose parents or legal guardians were residents of the town and who were enrolled on the preceding January 1st for full-time attendance in the following schools and classes, respectively, including kindergarten, and grades one through twelve:

1. Pupils in schools and classes in a town under the control of the school committee, excluding pupils in schools and classes of regional school districts.
2. Pupils in schools and classes of a regional school district which includes the town.
3. Pupils in schools and classes elsewhere in the commonwealth under the control of school committees.
4. Pupils in vocational schools and classes in the town under the control of the local trustees of vocational education, excluding pupils in vocational schools and classes under the control of district trustees for vocational education.
5. Pupils in vocational schools and classes under the control of district trustees for vocational education in a district which includes the town.
6. Pupils in vocational or other schools and classes elsewhere in the commonwealth which are supported by public funds.
7. Pupils in nonpublic schools anywhere. Such information shall be collected during the months of January and February.”

Massachusetts General Law References:

M.G.L. 72:2 – Registration of Children; Reports

M.G.L. 72:2A – School Attending Children; Annual Report

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