

Going to School Is Mandatory

Exercice



In Quebec, children must go to school starting at six years old.

Beginning at Age Six

Not only do you have the right to go to school, but you are required to. This means you must start elementary school at the beginning of the school year during which you turn six years old.

Until What Age?

These are the age requirements:

- You must go to school until the end of the school year during which you turn 16. OR
- If you are under 16, you must go to school until the end of the school year during which you get your high school diploma.

Important! You cannot quit school the day you turn 16: you have to finish the school year.

During the time you are supposed to be in school, your school principal can notify your parents if you are often absent without an explanation or if you stop going to school. If your attendance does not improve, the principal can also report your situation to the Director of Youth Protection (DYP).

When School is Optional

Some people do not have to go to school. Here are some examples:

- People with certain health problems.
- People with disabilities or learning difficulties that prevent them from attending school.
- People with permission to be home-schooled.
- People who have been expelled from school. (These situations are reported to the Director of Youth Protection.) protection de la jeunesse.)

Important! People who are not legally required to go to school don't lose the right to go to school. The law says everyone has a right to a high school education until age 18, and age 21 for people with disabilities.

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Quiz

1. Until what age is going to school mandatory?

In what exceptional circumstance could a young person leave school before this age?

2. Which of these situations does not respect the law?

- a) Karim is 15 years old and he has a job in his uncle's dépanneur on the weekends.
- b) Daïssa is 14 years old and is home-schooled, so she doesn't go to school.
- c) Paolo hates school. The day after his 16th birthday, he decides not to go to class anymore.

Why is this situation illegal?

3. If a teenager in Secondary 1 is absent too often, and schoolwork suffers, the school principal must intervene. What must the principal do?

First, _____

If the problem isn't solved, the principal can
