

DEPARTMENT OF BENEFIT PAYMENTS

744 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814



November 27, 1974

ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 74-228

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT FOR 16 AND 17-YEAR-OLDS

REFERENCE:

Following is Department of Benefit Payments' policy on EAS Manual Section 41-407.22, which exempts from Talmadge required EDD registration any child over 16 years of age who is in school full-time. The policy interpretation applies only to 16 and 17-year-olds, since school attendance requirements for 18 through 20-year-olds are treated separately in EAS Chapter 42-100. A child 18 through 20 who is not in school or training pursuant to those requirements is ineligible regardless of whether he registers with EDD.

Any child who is enrolled in a regular secondary school program or enrolled in an alternate program, such as a regional occupational program which is authorized and approved by a secondary school, may be considered full-time. In accordance with federal regulation (29 CFR 56.4 (2)), full-time school attendance for a 16 or 17-year-old child is sufficiently established by verification from an appropriate school official that the child is enrolled or accepted for enrollment for the next school term as a full-time student. It is not necessary to evaluate a 16 or 17-year-old child's attendance or grades. CWDs are responsible for verifying the enrollment of all aided 16 and 17-year-old children at the beginning of each school term. Term is defined as semester, quarter, or, in the case of a year-round school, each discrete session. Since the great majority of secondary schools are on a semester system, this means that most CWDs will need to verify enrollment once around October and again around February. If enrollment is confirmed at the beginning of the term, it is not necessary to reverify enrollment during the term unless there is indication that the child has been disenrolled. Except when a child moves, disenrollment is relatively rare, but it may occur if the school determines that the child habitually commits highly unacceptable acts.

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If a 16 or 17-year-old child is not enrolled full-time in school, in order to remain eligible for aid, he must either enroll in a school or training program or register for employment with EDD. Nonenrolled children should be given five days' notice in which to meet Talmadge registration requirements. If at the end of that time, the child is not registered or enrolled, a discontinuance notice should be sent.

Questions regarding the above interpretation and policy may be referred to the AFDC Program Operations Bureau (916) 445-4458.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David B. Swop", written in black ink on a light-colored background.

DAVID B. SWOAP
Director

cc: CWDA