

2019-2020 Edition

## **G**UAM

Compulsory Attendance Ages: "at least five (5) years of age [on or before the commencement date

of public school classes] and has not reached the age of sixteen (16)

years . . . . " 17 Guam Code Ann. §§ 6102-6103.

**Required Days of Instruction:** "at least three (3) hours a day for one hundred seventy (170) days

each calendar year . . . . " 17 Guam Code Ann. § 6109.

Required Subjects: "the several branches of study required to be taught in the public

schools of Guam and in the English language . . . ." 17 Guam Code Ann. § 6109. These are generally: language arts, mathematics, social studies, science, physical education/health, music/art, and computer education. *See* Guam Education Board Policies 346 (elementary school), 338 (middle school), and 351.4 (high school), https://sites.google.com/a/gdoe.net/guam-education-board/GEB-

Policies (last visited July 2, 2019).

Homeschool Statute: None.

Alternative Statute Allowing Home Instruction: Title 17, section 6109 of Guam Code Annotated.

- 1. "Children not attending a private full-time day school, and who are being instructed in study and recitation for at least three (3) hours a day for one hundred seventy (170) days each calendar year by a private tutor or other person in the several branches of study required to be taught in the public schools of Guam and in the English language, shall be exempted from attending the public schools." 17 Guam Code Ann. § 6109.
- 2. According to Guam Education Board Policy 352, as issued September 29, 2010:

It is the policy of the Department of Education that students who do not attend public schools in accordance with [Guam Code Ann. § 6109] shall not be considered as public school students in any manner. Consequently, the Department shall have no regulatory authority over these students, nor shall these students be entitled to receive any of the services or academic recognitions and designations provided by the Department to public school students—inclusive of but not limited to the granting of credits to be used for obtaining a high school diploma—except for those services and academic recognitions and designations as may be required by federal or local laws and regulations.

Teacher Qualifications: None.

Standardized Tests: None.