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The purposes of this research were to investigate the levels and factors related to the intention of grade 6 students to continue until the twelfth year of compulsory education. The study sample was 400 students of Grade 6 in Educational Region 1. The data was collected by structured self-response questionnaires. The percentage, arithmetic mean, standard deviation and stepwise multiple regression were employed in statistical analysis. The research revealed that most of the students (84%) have high levels of intention to continue their compulsory education until the twelfth grade . Significant variables effecting students' intention to continue or complete compulsory education are parents support, father's education, mother's major occupation as officer worker and minor occupation in commerce .

These results suggest that education resources be well-prepared by the schools to match the needs of higher levels. Co-ordination between responsible schools, parents, and government offices should be encouraged for the continuation of education. Promotion of higher levels of education should be encouraged by providing more budget, more teaching and learning materials and generating incomes from learning activities at the same time.