

# POLICY

**SUBJECT:** Age of Entrance

## Kindergarten

Students who are legal residents of the School District and who reside with parents or guardians within the School District at the time of the opening day of school must be five (5) years of age or more on December 1<sup>st</sup> in order to register for Kindergarten.

Younger children may be admitted to the kindergarten program on a trial basis if the following criteria are met:

- a) Minimum chronological age of 4 years and 7 months on or before September 1<sup>st</sup> of the entering year.
- b) A minimal mental age of 5 years and 7 months, on or before September 1<sup>st</sup> of the entering year, as determined by testing administered by school personnel.
- c) Satisfactory evidence of health and physical development and sufficiently developed emotional and social maturity as judged by the school administration and other appropriate school personnel.

Parents interested in early admission should:

- a) Contact the home school principal prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> to review their request for early admission and present any evidence of eligibility which they may have.
- b) Arrange for a pediatric examination and an independent psychological study by a certified psychologist. These examinations, conducted at parental expense, should be completed with results returned to the school by July 31.

Students admitted as “early entrants” must start at the beginning of the school year.

A child who transfers into the School District during the school year may be considered for admission to Kindergarten by the Superintendent provided:

- a) The parents were not legal residents of the School District on the opening day of school, and
- b) The child has been registered and enrolled in kindergarten in the district in which his/her parents were legal residents.

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Students

**SUBJECT:** Age of Entrance (Cont'd)

**First Grade**

Children will be admitted to the first grade who have had satisfactory kindergarten experience and who will reach the age of 6 years on or before December 1 of the entering year. Children who have had satisfactory school kindergarten experience, but who do not fulfill the age requirement, will also be admitted to the first grade. Children who will reach the age of 7 years on or before December 1 of the entry year will be admitted to the first grade regardless of kindergarten experience.

Nursery school or other pre-kindergarten programs are not considered as substantially equivalent to or as a substitute for kindergarten.

**Other Grades**

Admission of children to other grades shall involve a consideration of both chronological age and the readiness of the children to do the work of those grades.

**Proof of Age**

A student's birth certificate or other satisfactory evidence of age shall be presented at the time of initial registration. The child shall be entered under his/her legal name.

Education Law Section 1712, 3202 and 3212