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201. ADMISSION OF STUDENTS

Purpose

The Board shall establish age requirements for the admission of beginners and kindergarten pupils which are consistent with statute and sound educational practice and ensure the equitable treatment of all children.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)

Guidelines

First Grade

Beginners are students entering the lowest grade of the primary school above the kindergarten level. They shall be admitted to school only during the first two (2) weeks of the annual school term, except that a child who is eight (8) years of age may begin school at any time during the school year.

[\[4\]](#)[\[5\]](#)[\[6\]](#)

A beginner is eligible for admission to first grade if the child has attained the age of six (6) years before the first day of the school term.[\[7\]](#)

The Board may, on the written request of the parent/guardian, admit as a beginner a child who is less than six (6) years old and demonstrates readiness for entry by the first day of the school term, when recommended by the school psychologist and approved by the Superintendent.

The Board is not required to admit as a beginner any child whose chronological age is less than the district's established admission age.

Kindergarten

A child is eligible for admission to kindergarten if s/he has attained the age of five (5) years before September 1.[\[8\]](#)

A child may be admitted who has attained age five (5) between September 2nd and September 30th of the year of admission if recommended by the elementary administrators and approved by the superintendent as meeting an advanced criteria on the kindergarten screening assessments. The criteria for such admission shall be established by the superintendent on the recommendation of the elementary administrators and made available to parents prior to the screening.

A child will be eligible for admission to kindergarten that has transferred from another school district and has attended school in that district for at least twenty (20) school days.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall require that each student who registers for entrance to school exhibit his/her birth certificate or similar documentation as proof of age and birthdate, along with proof of required immunizations.[9]
[10]

Registration is held each spring for children who have not attended school previously. The dates will be announced via school notices.

Legal

[1. 24 P.S. 1301](#)

[2. 22 PA Code 11.12](#)

[3. 22 PA Code 11.41](#)

[4. 24 P.S. 1304](#)

[5. 24 P.S. 1326](#)

[6. 22 PA Code 11.15](#)

[7. 22 PA Code 11.16](#)

[8. 22 PA Code 11.14](#)

9. Pol. 200

10. Pol. 203

[24 P.S. 503](#)

[22 PA Code 4.41](#)

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