

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: ADMISSION OF STUDENTS

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# HARRISBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

201. ADMISSION OF STUDENTS	
<p>1. Authority SC 1301 Title 22 Sec. 11.12, 11.41</p>	<p>The Board shall establish age requirements for the admission of students to first grade and to kindergarten that are consistent with state law and regulations.</p>
<p>2. Guidelines  SC 1304, 1326</p>	<p><u>First Grade</u></p> <p>Beginners are students entering the lowest grade of the primary school above the kindergarten level. Beginners shall be admitted to school through the first ten (10) school days of the annual school term and thereafter at the district’s discretion as approved by the Superintendent. A child who is eight (8) years of age shall be admitted to school at any time during the school year.</p>
<p>SC 1304 Title 22 Sec. 11.15</p>	<p>The Board establishes the district’s entry age for beginners as not less than six (6) years and zero (0) months old on or before September 1 of the annual school term.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 11.16</p>	<p>The Board may admit as a beginner a child who is five (5) years old and demonstrates readiness for entry by the first day of the school term, upon the written request of the parent/guardian, recommendation of the district psychologist, and approval of the Superintendent.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 11.16</p>	<p>The Board is not required to admit as a beginner any child whose age is less than the district's established admission age for beginners.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 11.14</p>	<p><u>Kindergarten</u></p> <p>The Board establishes the district’s entry age for kindergarten as not less than five (5) years and zero (0) months old on or before September 1 of the annual school term.</p> <p>Kindergarten students shall NOT be admitted to school after the first ten (10) school days of the annual school term unless granted an exception by the Superintendent <u>or</u></p>

<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility Pol. 200, 203</p>	<p><u>his/her designee. The following criteria may be utilized by the Superintendent or his/her designee in granting such an exception under this policy:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <u>Age-eligible students may be accepted into the district's kindergarten program within five (5) school days of the student moving into the district and only if the student's circumstances meet the following conditions:</u><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <u>The student has already been enrolled in a kindergarten program, public or private, immediately prior to moving into the School District; and</u></li><li>b. <u>The kindergarten program that the student was enrolled in must be reasonably compatible with the School District's kindergarten program, in the discretion of the Superintendent or his/her designee. Compatibility factors include, but are not limited to, Pennsylvania accreditation or approval of the program.</u></li></ol></li><li>2. <u>Age-eligible students may be accepted into the district's kindergarten program during the school year if they were receiving early intervention services prior to or in the school year preceding enrollment.</u></li></ol> <p><b>STUDENTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR EARLY ADMISSION TO KINDERGARTEN.</b></p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall require that the parent/guardian of each student who registers for entrance to school shall submit proof of age, residency, and required immunizations.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 503, 1301, 1304, 1326</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.41, 11.12, 11.14, 11.15, 11.16, 11.41</p> <p>Board Policy – 200, 203</p>
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