Authority

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.[1][2][3]

Guidelines

First Grade

Beginners are students entering the lowest grade of the primary school above the kindergarten level. Beginners shall be admitted to school during the first two (2) weeks of the annual school term and thereafter at the district’s discretion. A child who is eight (8) years of age shall be admitted to school at any time during the school year.[4][5]

The Board establishes that a beginner is eligible for admission to the lowest grade of the primary school above kindergarten level if s/he has attained the age of six (6) years no months before the first day of the school term.[4][6]

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.[7]

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.[7]

Early Admission to First Grade

Any child who is five (5) years seven (7) months before the first day of the school term may be admitted as a beginner during the admission period of the first two (2) weeks of school under the following conditions:

1. The parent/guardian provides a written request for early admission.

2. As determined by a licensed clinical psychologist or certified school psychologist, the student demonstrates readiness for school and has social skills adequate to successfully participate in a regular first grade class.
3. The student is approved by the Superintendent.

As evidence of meeting the requirements parents/guardians requesting early admission can provide the following, without expense to the district:

   1. The report of any licensed clinical psychologist or certified school psychologist.
   2. An application to the district for a test of their child by a licensed clinical psychologist or certified school psychologist serving the district.

**Kindergarten**

The Board establishes that a child is eligible for admission to kindergarten if s/he has attained the age of five (5) years no months before the first day of the school term.\[8\]

**Early Admission to Kindergarten**

Any child who is four (4) years seven (7) months before the first day of the school term may be admitted to kindergarten during the admission period of the first two (2) weeks of school under the following conditions:

   1. The parent/guardian provides a written request for early admission.
   2. As determined by a licensed clinical psychologist or a certified school psychologist, the student has a mental age of six (6) years and has social skills adequate to successfully participate in a regular kindergarten class.
   3. The student is approved by the Superintendent.

As evidence of meeting the requirements, parents/guardians requesting early admission can provide the following, without expense to the district:

   1. The report of any licensed clinical psychologist or certified school psychologist.
   2. An application to the district for a test of their child by a licensed clinical psychologist or certified school psychologist serving the district.

**Delegation of Responsibility**

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.\[9\][10]

**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