

EPHRATA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: ADMISSION OF STUDENTS

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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 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.</p>
<p>SC 1304 Title 22 Sec. 11.15</p>	<p>The Board establishes that a child is eligible for admission to first grade if the child has attained the age of six (6) years on or before September 1.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 11.16</p>	<p>The Board may admit as a beginner a child whose chronological age is not less than five (5) years but whose mental age is seven (7) years before the first day of the school term. Parents/Guardians requesting early age admission must make their request in writing to the Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education. The child must be tested by a certified child psychologist, at the expense of the parent/guardian. Based on the report of the child psychologist and the recommendation of the district school psychologist, the Superintendent will make the final determination on any request for early admission.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 11.16</p>	<p>The Board is not required to admit as a beginner any child whose chronological 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 that a child is eligible for admission to kindergarten if the child has attained the age of five (5) years on or before September 1.</p>

<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility Pol. 200, 203</p>	<p>The Board may admit to kindergarten a child whose chronological age is less than five (5) years before the first day of the school term. Parents/Guardians requesting early age admission must make their request in writing to the Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education. The child must be tested by a certified child psychologist, at the expense of the parent/guardian. Based on the report of the child psychologist and the recommendation of the district school psychologist, the Superintendent will make the final determination on any request for early admission.</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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