

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 in order to register for Kindergarten.

An underage child, one whose fifth birthday falls after December 1, may only be placed in Kindergarten if the child has completed a full year of Pre-kindergarten at another public school or at a non-public school registered by the NYS Education Department.

A child who transfers into the School District at any time 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.

First Grade

Every child admitted to first grade must attain the age of six years on or before December 1 of the year of entrance.

An underage child, one whose sixth birthday falls after December 1, may only be placed in first grade if the child has completed a full year of kindergarten at another public school or at a non-public school registered by the NYS Education Department.

Children not meeting the above-stated age requirement for first grade, who apply for admission after having completed a full year's work in a non-public Kindergarten program that is not registered with or approved by SED will be considered for placement in first grade pending:

- a) testing and evaluation by District personnel, and
- b) a determination that the instruction at such unregistered nonpublic school was equivalent to the instruction the child would have received in the District's schools. This must be verified by the principal or director of the school in which the Kindergarten student attended.

Thereafter, the building principal will determine the final grade placement of the child

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.

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Proof of Age

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

Education Law Sections 1712, 3202 and 3212NOTE:

Refer also to Policy #7131 -- Education of Homeless Children and Youth

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