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5112 - ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Board of Education shall establish entrance age requirements for students which are consistent with statute and sound educational practice and which ensure the equitable treatment of all eligible children.

~~Pre-Kindergarten~~ Early Education

A child is eligible for entrance into ~~pre-kindergarten~~ early education programs if s/he attains the age of four (4) on or before ~~August 31~~ June 30 of the year in which s/he applies for entrance and has not yet attained the age at which s/he will be admitted to kindergarten.

Kindergarten

A child is eligible for entrance into kindergarten if s/he attains the age of five (5) on or before June 30 ~~August 31st~~ of the year in which s/he applies for entrance. ~~(NOTE: Beginning with the 2019—2020 school year this will change to on or before June 30.)~~ A child under age six (6) who is enrolled in kindergarten will be considered of compulsory school age.

The Board may admit to kindergarten such children who are 5 years of age on or before ~~September 30~~ July 30 as may be ineligible by reason of age but demonstrate the ability and need to undertake a program of education.

The Board will designate the necessary standards and testing programs required for such early admission.

The Board will admit to kindergarten any child who has not attained the entrance age requirement of this County District, but who was properly enrolled in an approved public or private school kindergarten before transferring to this County District.

First Grade

A child is eligible for entrance into first grade if s/he attains the age of six (6) on or before June 30 ~~August 31st~~ of the year in which s/he applies for entrance and has completed a publicly or privately supported kindergarten program or Montessori kindergarten program or successfully completes an entrance test of basic readiness skills approved by the Superintendent. ~~(NOTE: Beginning with the 2019—2020 school year this will change to on or before June 30.)~~ This requirement may only be waived if a request is made and approved by the District. The Superintendent shall require that each child who registers for entrance to school provide:

- A. his/her birth certificate or similar documentation authorized by law as proof of age and birthdate;
- B. a certified copy of any custody order or decree together with any modification in such an order or decree;
- C. immunization records.

If such documents are not provided, the child may be admitted under the Superintendent's guidelines. Appropriate law enforcement authorities may be notified.

The Superintendent shall also ensure that each child entering the ~~County's school system~~ District for the first time has been properly screened for hearing, vision, speech and language disabilities and have age appropriate immunizations as defined by the American Academy of Pediatrics and recommended by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources. If documentation of the screenings for hearing, vision and speech and language disabilities is not provided by the parents/guardians of the student, such screening shall be conducted by the ~~County~~ District.

Any parent may provide the ~~County~~ District with a written statement indicating that s/he does not wish to have his/her child screened.

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