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[22 PA Code 4.41](#)
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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. The Board establishes the district's entry age for beginners as six (6) years by September 1, in accordance with state law and regulations. [\[4\]](#)[\[5\]](#)[\[6\]](#)

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

certified school psychologist and or designee, 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. [\[7\]](#)

Students who have completed an approved kindergarten program outside of the district and are not of the age of six (6) may be subject to a grade level screening at their home school to determine appropriate grade placement into kindergarten or first grade.

Kindergarten

The Board establishes the district's entry age for kindergarten as five (5) years by September 1, in accordance with state law and regulations. [\[8\]](#)

Kindergarten eligible students who resided in the District prior to the start of the school year can only be enrolled in Kindergarten prior to or during the first two weeks of the school year.

New resident Kindergarten eligible students moving into the District after the beginning of the school year may be admitted if they have been enrolled and attended kindergarten in their former community.

Early Admission to Kindergarten

1. Students who are born after September 1 and on or before September 30 are eligible for early admission screening upon written request to the Student Support Services Department.
2. All requests must be made prior to July 1 of the anticipated year of enrollment.
3. The District will offer testing, which must be completed at least two weeks prior to the start of the school year.
4. Early admission will be considered if the student meets all of the following criteria:
 - Screening by a certified school psychologist or designee of the Student Support Services Department;
 - Demonstrating a mental age of more than six years before September 1; and
 - Compliance with other requirements as specified by the Student Support Services Department.

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. [\[9\]](#)[\[10\]](#)

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