

The Upper St. Clair School District shall establish age requirements for the admission of beginning students that are consistent with regulations and sound educational practice; and which ensure the equitable treatment of all eligible children.

Procedures for Kindergarten Enrollment

- A child is eligible for kindergarten if she/he has attained the age of five (5) years on or before September 1.
- Kindergarten eligible students who have resided in the Upper St. Clair Township prior to the beginning of the school year can be enrolled in the district within the first two weeks of the school year.
- New residents moving into the District after the beginning of the school year will be admitted if they have been enrolled within a kindergarten at their former community.
- All students registering for kindergarten must have a birth certificate or equivalent.

Early Admission to Kindergarten

- a. Students who are born after September 1 and on or before September 30 are eligible for early admission screening upon request to the Student Support Services Department.
- b. All requests must be made prior to July 1 of the year of enrollment.
- c. Testing must be completed two weeks before the start of the school year.
- d. Early admission shall be considered upon meeting all of the following criteria.
 - Screening by a certified school psychologist or designee of the Student Support Services Department
 - A mental age of more than six years before September 1.
 - Compliance with other requirements as specified by the local school organization.

Procedures for First Grade Enrollment

Beginners are students entering the lowest grade of the primary school above the kindergarten level. A beginner is eligible for admission to the lowest grade of the primary school above the kindergarten level if he/she has attained the age of six (6) on or before September 1.

Students who have completed an approved kindergarten program outside of the Upper St. Clair School 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.

The Upper St. Clair School District is not required to admit as a beginner any child whose age is less than the District's admission age for beginners.

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