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District 77 Policy 528

528 ENTRANCE AGE REQUIREMENTS

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish the age requirements for entrance to school.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

In most cases, the school board policy on entrance age to school corresponds to M.S. 120A.20 (Admission to Public School) which states:

“A person shall not be admitted to a public school (1) as a kindergarten pupil, unless the pupil is at least five years of age on September 1 of the calendar year in which the school year for which pupil seeks admission commences; or (2) as a first grade student, unless the pupil is at least six years of age on September 1 of the calendar year in which the school year for which the pupil seeks admission commences or has completed kindergarten; except that any school board may establish a policy for admission of selected pupils at an earlier age.”

As stated in Minn. Stat.120.06, in order to provide an option for individual differences among capable students, the school board has a policy of allowing for the advancement of students during or after the kindergarten year.

III. ADVANCEMENT CRITERIA

The criteria used for the advancement of a child during or after kindergarten include:

- 1) A child must be five on or before September 1 according to State Statute 120A.20.
- 2) The child must have completed an evaluation program commensurate with the procedures outlined in Policy 513 (Student Promotion, Retention, Acceleration, Program Design and Grade Placement).
- 3) The evaluation team must agree that an acceleration is an appropriate educational decision for the child.

IV. REQUIREMENT

Students entering kindergarten must present a birth certificate and proof of up to date immunizations in accordance with Minn. Stat., Section 123.70 which requires that all children who are enrolled in a Minnesota school be immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps, and rubella, allowing for certain specified exemptions.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 120A.20 (Admission to Public School)
Minn. Stat. § 123.70 (Immunizations)

Cross References: District 77 Policy 546 (Early Admission to Kindergarten)