



## STUDENTS

### Admission & Qualifications of Attendance

#### 1. Age of Admission

Attending the schools of the district shall be recognized as a right and responsibility for those who meet the requirements prescribed by law.

Every resident of the district who satisfies the minimum entry age requirement and is less than 21 years of age has the right to attend the district's schools until he/she completes high school graduation requirements.

Children of age 8 and less than age 18 are required by law to attend a public school an approved private or public school unless they are receiving approved home-based instruction. Under certain circumstances children who are at least 16 and less than 18 years of age may be excused from further attendance at school. The superintendent shall exercise his/her authority to grant exceptions when he/she determines that the student:

- A. Is regularly and lawfully-employed, and
- B. Has permission of a parent, or
- C. Is emancipated pursuant to Chapter 13.64 RCW; or
- D. Is subject to one of the other exceptions to compulsory attendance.

A resident student who has been granted an exception retains the right to enroll as a part-time student and shall be entitled to take any course, receive any ancillary services and take or receive any combination of courses and ancillary services which is offered by a public school to full students.

#### 2. Entrance Qualifications

To be admitted to a kindergarten program which commences in the fall of the year a child must be not less than 5 years of age prior to September 1 of that school year. To be admitted to a first grade program which commences in the fall of the year a child must be not less than 6 years of age prior to September 1 of that school year. Any student not otherwise eligible for entry to the first grade who has successfully completed a state-approved public or private kindergarten program of 450 or more hours including instruction in the essential academic learning requirements and other subjects that the district determines are appropriate shall be permitted entry into the first grade program. If necessary, the student may be placed in a temporary classroom assignment for the purposes of evaluation prior to making a final determination of the student's appropriate

placement. Such determination shall be made no later than the 30th calendar day following the student's first day of attendance.

### Exemptions.

#### Kindergarten

No later than May 1<sup>st</sup>, a parent or guardian may request an exemption for a child whose birthdate falls after August 31 but before November 1. The superintendent or his/her designee shall establish a screening and assessment process for the purpose of determining reliable estimates of the child's skills and abilities. Such estimates shall assist personnel in making a determination that there is substantial reason to expect successful performance in kindergarten.

Parents requesting an exemption may provide to the district the results of an assessment using the instruments and processes approved by the superintendent and conducted by a licensed or certified psychologist. If the assessment is conducted by district staff a fee will be established to cover expenses except that such fee may be reduced or waived for persons whose families, by reason of their low income, would have difficulty in paying the entire amount of such fees. For purposes of this waiver or reduction, the USDA Child Nutrition Program guidelines shall be used. The district reserves the right to reassess the child at its own cost before granting an exemption. If assigned district personnel determine there is substantial reason to expect success in kindergarten, the exemption shall be granted.

#### First Grade

Exemptions regarding entrance to first grade shall be determined by the building principal following review of available information.

#### Appeals

In the event an exemption or a screening fee waiver is denied, the parent shall be promptly notified of the reasons and of the opportunity to have the decisions reviewed in the manner provided by the district's policy on citizen complaints.

### 3. Admission of Students Aged Twenty-One or Older

A student aged 21 or older may enroll in a school in the district under the following conditions:

- A. There is available space in the school and program which the student shall attend;
- B. Tuition is prepaid;
- C. The student provides his/her own transportation;
- D. The student resides in the state of Washington; and

- E. In the judgment of the superintendent, no adult education program is available at reasonable costs and the district's program is appropriate to the needs of the student.

4. Grade Placement of Students

- A. After completing a review of educational records and available information, the principal has the final authority to make a determination of grade level, credit and/or program placement. A temporary classroom or grade level assignment may be made for purposes of evaluation prior to final placement.
- B. To ensure that all high school students are well-grounded in core academic skills, the following standards shall apply for academic grade placement:

Grade 9	0 to 4.75 credits
*Grade 10	5 to 10.75 credits
*Grade 11	11 to 16.75 credits and MEETING COURSE STANDARDS IN <sup>1</sup> : English 1-2/English 3-4 Algebra 1-2/Geometry Workplace Science or Physical Science or Physics Biology Pacific NW Social Sciences
*Grade 12	17+ credits

\*For students entering 9th grade prior to June 30, 2004:

Grade 10	5 to 9.75 credits.
Grade 11	10 to 15.75 credits and MEETING COURSE STANDARDS IN <sup>1</sup> : English 1-2/English 3-4 Algebra 1-2/Geometry Workplace Science or Physical Science or Physics Biology Pacific NW Social Sciences
Grade 12	16+ credits

<sup>1</sup> After five semesters, the high school principal may grant a waiver of the "MEETING COURSE STANDARDS" requirement for the purpose of grade level placement.

Cross References:	Board Policy	2080	Comprehensive Student Assessment System
		2090	Program Evaluation
		2121	Drug and Alcohol Use/Abuse Program
		2140	Guidance and Counseling
		2108	Remediation Programs
		2410	High School Graduation Requirements
		3114	Part-time, Home-based, or Off-campus Students

- 3121 Compulsory Attendance
- 3122 Excused or Unexcused Absences
- 4220 Complaints Concerning Staff or Programs

- Legal References:
- RCW 28A.225.010 Attendance mandatory--Age--Person having custody shall cause child to attend public school --  
When excused
  - 28A.225.020 School's duties upon juvenile's failure to attend school
  - 28A.225.160 Qualification for admission to district's schools—  
Fees for preadmission screening
  - 28A.225.220 Adults, children from other districts, agreements for attending school—Tuition
  - WAC 392-335 Uniform Entry Qualifications
  - 392-134-010 Attendance rights of part-time public school students
  - 392-137 Finance—Nonresident attendance

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