

**Lower Merion School District**

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Title: ADMISSION OF BEGINNERS  
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**201 ADMISSION OF BEGINNERS**

**Purpose**

To establish age requirements for the admission of beginners which are consistent with applicable law and sound educational practice and which ensure the equitable treatment of eligible children.

**Definitions**

“Beginner” shall mean a child entering the first grade in the District but not a student transferring into the District who is already in first grade in another school.

**Guidelines**

A. First Grade

1. Admission to first grade shall be limited to children who have attained the age of six years by September 15<sup>th</sup>.
2. A beginner shall be admitted to school any time during the school year. The student’s eligibility for advancement to second grade will be determined by District policies relating to promotion, acceleration, and retention of students.
3. Exceptions to this Policy for students who are at least five (5) years and seven (7) months old by September 1<sup>st</sup> will be considered in accordance with the guidelines outlined in the accompanying Administrative Regulation.

B. Kindergarten

A child is eligible for admission to kindergarten if the child has attained the age of five years by September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Delegation of Responsibility**

The Superintendent or designee shall require that the parent or guardian of each child who is registered for entrance to school comply with all applicable enrollment requirements outlined in Board Policy, the accompanying Administrative Regulation, and applicable law.

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22 Pa. Code Sec. 11.12 - 11.16, 11.41

24 P.S. Sec. 13-1301, 13-304, 13-1326

Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 200 (Enrollment of Students)

Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 205 (Immunization and Communicable Diseases)

Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 215 (Promotion, Acceleration and Retention)