

Qualification of Attendance and Placement

Entrance Qualifications for Kindergarten Program

As a minimum, eligibility for the exemption from the age requirement will be based upon an analysis of the child's (1) physical, health and motor development; (2) social and emotional development; (3) approaches toward learning; (4) language, literacy and communication; and (5) cognition and general knowledge. Where feasible, assessment devices will be used that will permit students who are to be considered for exemption to be compared to the level of performance that would be expected of children with a chronological age of 5 years for kindergarten and 6 years for first grade in each of the areas of ability.

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Prior to enrollment in kindergarten or first grade the school administrator or his/her designee is to verify the student's age by inspecting a certified copy of the birth certificate or other formal documentation of birth and record this information on the permanent record card.

A student transferring from another school district outside Washington which normally admitted students at an earlier age, not to exceed 3 months earlier, may be admitted if his/her entrance elsewhere was not contrived to defeat the purpose of the local entrance regulations.

A student, who will attain the age of five years before November 1, may apply for a Readiness Evaluation by school personnel. As a minimum, eligibility for the exemption shall be based upon an analysis of the child's (1) mental ability, (2) gross motor skills, (3) fine motor skills, (4) visual discrimination, (5) auditory discrimination, (6) emotional/social development, and (7) language development. Assessment devices shall be used that shall permit students who are to be considered for an exemption to be compared to the level of performance that would be expected of children with a chronological age of 5 years and 6 months for kindergarten. A fee of \$100 for the Readiness Evaluation will be assessed to help offset personnel expenses for the administration of the assessment.

The \$100 fee will be waived for students whose families would have difficulty paying by reason of their low income. The USDA Child Nutrition Program guidelines will be used to determine qualification for a fee waiver.

Admission of Students Aged Twenty-One or Older

Adults, 21 or over, who wish to complete high school, are to be referred to Olympic Community College for an adult high school diploma. In the event of a special hardship or detrimental condition that would not allow participation at Olympic Community College would follow the following procedures:

The student shall petition the superintendent or designee for admission in writing.

The petition will identify the student's name, age, address, grade level or program of study, and identify the special hardship or detrimental condition.

If approved, the petition shall specify the tuition fee, to be paid, will be signed by the student and the superintendent/designee and will constitute the written agreement required by law. It will be retained as a public document and made available to the state Superintendent of Public Instruction upon request.

The tuition fee will be calculated in the same way the state Superintendent of Public Instruction determines the cost of educating a student in the district, except that a disabled student who turns twenty-one during the school year will only pay that amount of money deemed as “excess cost.”

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