

5112 – ENTRANCE AGE

Philosophy

The Pequannock Township Board of Education supports the premise that students should enter school at a stage of readiness that provides for their satisfactory social and intellectual adjustment to and development in the learning environment. It is for this reason that specific guidelines are necessary to establish age requirements for entrance.

Kindergarten Entrance Age

A child shall be admitted under one of the following:

1. Attainment of the age of five on or before October 1 of the school year;
2. An official transfer from another public school.

Kindergarten Screening

It shall be the policy of the Board that all incoming kindergarten students participate in an orientation program prior to their entrance in the Pequannock Township Schools. This program will provide an opportunity for district personnel to observe and gather information that will assist in determining the most effective class groups. Considerations will be given to academic indicators, maturity levels, social-emotional dimensions, as well as other relevant factors.

First Grade Entrance Age

A child shall be admitted under one of the following procedures:

1. Attainment of the age of six on or before October 1 of the school year;
2. An official transfer from another public school.

N.J.S.A. 18A:36-19; 18A:38-5; 18A:38-6; 18A:44-1; 18A:44-2; 18A:46-6; 18A:46-6.1  
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