

SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: ADMISSION OF STUDENTS

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201. ADMISSION OF STUDENTS	
<p>1. Authority</p> <p>SC 1301 Title 22 Sec. 11.12, 11.41</p>	<p>The Board shall establish age requirements for the admission of students that are consistent with state law and regulations.</p>
<p>2. Guidelines</p> <p>SC 1304, 1326</p>	<p><u>First Grade</u></p> <p>Beginners are students who are entering the lowest grade of the primary school above the kindergarten level (first grade) and who have not been previously enrolled in the first grade. They shall be admitted to school only during the first two (2) weeks of the annual school term, except that a child who is eight (8) years of age shall begin school at any time during the school year.</p>
<p>SC 1304 Title 22 Sec. 11.15, 11.16</p>	<p>The Board establishes the minimum age for children entering first grade as beginners at six (6) years of age, which must be attained by September 1st of the school term. The Board is not required to admit as a beginner any child whose age is less than the district's established admission age for beginners.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 11.16</p>	<p>The Board may allow exceptions to the minimum age for beginners by admitting as a beginner a child who is five (5) years old and demonstrates readiness for entry by September 1st of the school term, upon the written request of the parent/guardian, recommendation of the district psychologist, and approval of the Superintendent.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 11.14</p>	<p>A child transferring from a public school district or accredited institution which has a minimum entry age of less than six (6) years for first grade shall be considered a beginner and may be enrolled even if that child has not attained the minimum age for beginners.</p> <p><u>Kindergarten</u></p> <p>The Board establishes the minimum age for children entering kindergarten for the first time at five (5) years of age, which must be attained by September 1st of the school term.</p>

<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility Pol. 200, 203</p>	<p>A child transferring from a public school district which has a minimum entry age of less than five (5) years for kindergarten may be admitted even if that child has not attained the minimum age for kindergarten.</p> <p>Kindergarten students shall NOT be admitted to school after the first ten (10) school days of the annual school term unless granted an exception by the Superintendent or his/her designee. The following criteria may be utilized by the Superintendent or his/her designee in granting such an exception under this policy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Age-eligible students may be accepted into the district’s kindergarten program within five (5) school days of the student moving into the district and only if the student’s circumstances meet the following conditions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The student has already been enrolled in a kindergarten program, public or private, immediately prior to moving into the School District; and b. The kindergarten program that the student was enrolled in must be reasonably compatible with the School District’s kindergarten program, in the discretion of the Superintendent or his/her designee. Compatibility factors include, but are not limited to, Pennsylvania accreditation or approval of the program by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 2. Age-eligible students may be accepted into the district’s kindergarten program during the school year if they were receiving early intervention services prior to or during the school year preceding enrollment. <p><u>Second Grade</u></p> <p>A child transferring from a public school district or accredited institution who is less than seven (7) years of age on September 1st of a school term may be considered for enrollment in second grade if the child will be seven (7) years of age prior to December 30th of the same term.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall require that the parent/guardian of each student who registers for entrance to school shall submit proof of age, residency, and required immunizations.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 503, 1301, 1304, 1326 State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.41, 11.12, 11.14, 11.15, 11.16, 11.41 Board Policy – 000, 200, 203</p>
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