

ENTRANCE AGE

Code **JEB** Revised **3/13**

Purpose: To establish the basic structure for the appropriate age for students entering school.

The district provides a free appropriate public education consistent with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act for all three-, four-, and five-year-old children with disabilities who reside in the district.

Kindergarten

Students may enroll in kindergarten if they meet one of these criteria.

- They will attain the age of five on or before September 1 of the school year.
- They substantially began attending a public school kindergarten program in another state which has a different attendance age requirement.

First grade

Students may enroll in the first grade if they meet one of these criteria.

- They will attain the age of six on or before September 1 of the school year.
- They substantially began a first grade program in another state that has a different attendance requirement.
- They have attended a public school kindergarten program for one full school year.

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Legal references:

A. S.C. Code, 1976, as amended

1. Section 59-19-340 – Child development programs.
2. Section 59-36-10 – Preschool programs for children with disabilities.
3. Section 59-63-20(3) – Kindergarten entrance age.
4. Section 59-63-20(4) – First grade entrance age.

B. State Board of Education Regulations:

1. R-43-272 – School admission.