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Attending the schools of the District shall be recognized as a right and responsibility for those who meet the requirements prescribed by law. Every resident of the District who satisfies the minimum entry age requirement and is less than 21 years of age has the right to attend the District's schools until he/she completes high school graduation requirements.

AGE OF ADMISSION: Children of age 8 and less than age 18 are required by law to attend a public school, or an approved private school or educational center, unless they are receiving approved home-based instruction. Under certain circumstances children who are at least 16 and less than 18 years of age may be excused from further attendance at school. The Superintendent or designee will exercise their authority to grant exceptions when they determine that the scholar:

1. Is lawfully and regularly employed, and;
2. Has permission of a parent, received in writing, or;
3. Is emancipated pursuant to RCW 13.64, or;
4. Is subject to one other of the other exceptions to compulsory attendance.

A resident scholar who has been granted an exception retains the right to enroll as a part-time scholar and will be entitled to take any course, receive any ancillary services or take or receive any combination of courses and ancillary services which is offered by a public school to full-time scholars.

ENTRANCE QUALIFICATIONS: To be admitted to a kindergarten program which commences in the fall of the year, a scholar must be five (5) years of age as of midnight, August 31, of the year of entry.

To be admitted to a first-grade program which commences in the fall of the year, a scholar must be six (6) years of age as of midnight, August 31 to enroll in the first grade.

Any scholar not otherwise eligible for entry to the first grade who has successfully completed a state-approved, public or private, kindergarten program of 450 or more hours including instruction in the essential academic learning requirements and other subjects that the district determines are appropriate will be permitted entry into the first-grade program. If necessary, the scholar may be placed in a temporary classroom assignment for the purposes of evaluation prior to making a final determination of the scholar's appropriate placement. Such determination will be made no later than the 30th calendar day following the scholar's first day of attendance.

ENTRANCE QUALIFICATIONS EXEMPTIONS: Special exemptions may be made for younger scholars who appear to be sufficiently advanced to succeed in the educational program. The Superintendent or designee will identify screening processes and instruments that will provide reliable estimates of these skills and abilities, develop procedures for implementing this

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policy and establish fees to cover expenses incurred in the administration of preadmission screening processes. The district will provide a fee waiver or a reduction in fees for low income students whose parents are unable to pay the full cost of preadmission screening.

ADMISSION OF SCHOLARS AGED TWENTY-ONE OR OLDER: A student aged 21 or older may enroll in the District under the following conditions:

1. There is available space in the school and program which the student will attend;
2. Tuition is prepaid;
3. The student provides their own transportation;
4. The student resides in the District; and
5. In the judgment of the Superintendent/Designee, no adult education program is available at reasonable costs and the District's program is appropriate to the needs of the student.

PLACEMENT OF STUDENTS ON ADMISSION: The decision of where to place a scholar seeking admission to the District rests with the principal. Generally, scholars meeting the age of admission requirements or transferring from a public or approved private school shall be placed in kindergarten or first grade, or the grade from which they transferred. The principal shall evaluate the educational record and assessments of all other scholars to determine their appropriate placement. A temporary classroom assignment may be made for no more than thirty calendar days for the purpose of evaluation prior to making the final placement decision.

Cross References: Administrative Policy – 3114 Part-time, Home-based, or Off-campus scholars

Administrative Policy – 3121 Compulsory Attendance

Legal References: RCW 28A.225.010 Attendance mandatory–Age–Exceptions
RCW 28A.225.020 School's duties upon child's failure to attend school
RCW 28A.225.160 Qualification for admission to district's schools–Fees for preadmission screening
RCW 28A.225.220 Adults, children from other districts, agreements for attending school–Tuition

WAC 392-335 Pupil–Uniform Entry Qualifications
WAC 392-335-025 Local option exceptions to uniform entry qualifications
WAC 392-134-010 Attendance rights of part-time public school students
WAC 392-137 Finance–Nonresident attendance