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This policy shall govern the entrance of all children into the Stafford Township Elementary Schools.

1. All new entrants will be registered and allowed to attend school only upon verification of immunization requirements and grade placement. Pre-K and Kindergarten children must also have a birth certificate.
2. In the event that a delay in verification occurs through no fault of the parent, verbal confirmation of such requirements from the sending school will receive temporary approval for no more than a one week period.
3. All children must have attended kindergarten in order to enroll in first grade at Stafford Elementary School. Bypassing kindergarten will be considered only if recommended by teacher, psychologist, Principal and only after an evaluation period of at least six weeks.
4. To be eligible for kindergarten entrance, a child must be five years of age on or before October 1 of the year of entry.
 - a. Children that attended a full year approved kindergarten program not in the district may be admitted to grade one in the district provided their sixth birthday is on or before October 1.
 - b. Children that attended a full year approved kindergarten program not in the district, but who are six years old after October 1 may be admitted to grade one in the district depending on the approval of a district testing program and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.
5. When parents seek to enroll in kindergarten a child who will be 6 years old before the start of the school year, the district reserves the authority to assess the child to determine whether the child shall enter kindergarten or first grade using the following assessment procedure:
 - a. Child will receive screening. Formal and/or informal developmental and educational screening will be conducted to assist the principal in making a recommendation deemed to be in the child's best interests.
 - b. Principal will seek parental input. The principal will provide the parent(s) or guardian(s) an opportunity to

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- participate in a consultation in which he reviews the screening information and makes a recommendation.
- c. Principal will make recommendation to superintendent. The principal will review all documentation to determine a placement best suited to the child's needs and make a recommendation to the district superintendent.
 - d. Superintendent will make final placement decision. The superintendent will determine the child's placement and direct the principal to notify the parent(s) of the decision in writing depending on evaluation by language arts supervisor and recommendation from the superintendent.

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18A:44-2; 18A46-6; 18A:46-6.1
N.J.A.C. 6A:14-3.3

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