

A. Age of Admission

It is the right and responsibility for those who meet the requirements prescribed by law to attend the schools of the District. Every resident of the District who satisfies the minimum entry age requirement and is less than twenty-one (21) years of age has the right to attend the District's schools until he/she completes high school graduation requirements. Children of age eight (8) and less than age eighteen (18) are required by law to attend a public school, an approved private school, or educational center, unless they are receiving approved home-based instruction. Under certain circumstances children who are at least sixteen (16) and less than eighteen (18) years of age may be excused from further attendance at school. The Superintendent will exercise authority to grant exceptions when it is determined that the student:

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

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

B. Entrance Qualifications for Kindergarten and First Grade

To be admitted to a kindergarten program that commences in the fall of the year, a child must be at least 5 years of age on or before August 31st of that school year. To be admitted to a first grade program that commences in the fall of the year a child must be at least 6 years of age on or before August 31st of that school year. Any student not otherwise eligible for entry to the first grade who has successfully completed a state-approved, public or private, kindergarten program of 1,000 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 student may be placed in a temporary classroom assignment for the purposes of evaluation prior to making a final determination of the student's appropriate placement. Such determination will be made no later than the 30th calendar day following the student's first day of attendance.

Entrance Qualifications for Transitional Kindergarten

Transitional Kindergarten is for younger pupils who demonstrate need for additional preparation in order to be able to be successful in kindergarten the following year. The superintendent will identify screening processes and instruments that will provide reliable estimates of these needs and develop procedures for implementing this policy.

C. Placement of Students on Admission

The decision of where to place a student seeking admission to the District rests with the principal. Generally students meeting the age of admission requirements or transferring from a public or approved private school will be placed in kindergarten or first grade, or the grade from which they transferred. The principal or designee will evaluate the educational record and assessments of all other students 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.

Foreign exchange students approved by the District in accordance with related policy may attend District schools during the exchange year even if they have completed high school graduation requirements at their home school.

Legal References:	RCW	
	28A.205	Education Centers
	28A.225.010	Attendance Mandatory-Age-Person having custody shall cause child to attend public school-When excused
	28A.225.015	Attendance mandatory-Six or seven year olds-Unexcused absences--Petition
	28A.225.160	Qualification for admission to district's schools — Fees for preadmission screening 28A.225.020 School's Duties upon Juvenile's Failure to Attend School
	28A.225.220	Adults, children from other districts, agreements for attending school — Tuition
	28A.225.030	Petition to juvenile court for violations by a parent or child-School district responsibilities
	28A.225.035	Petition to juvenile court-Contents-Court action-Referral to community truancy board-Transfer of jurisdiction upon relocation
	28A.225.090	Court orders-Penalties-Parent's defense
	28A.225.160	Qualification for admission to district's schools-Fees for preadmission screening
	WAC	
	392-335	Uniform Entry Qualifications
	392-134-101	Attendance rights of part-time public school students
	392-137	Finance-Nonresident attendance
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