

## **Entrance Age**

### **PRESCHOOL**

In accordance with appropriate state and federal legal requirements, any child who has been identified as disabled, and who is three (3) or four (4) years of age, by August 1 of the current year, shall be eligible for a free and appropriate preschool education and related services.

Children at risk of educational failure who are four (4) by August 1 may enter preschool. All other four (4) year old children shall be served to the extent placements are available.<sup>1</sup>

### **PRIMARY SCHOOL**

A child who is five (5) or who may become five (5) years of age by August 1 may enter primary school and may advance through the primary program without regard to age in accordance with [KRS 158.031](#).

A child who is six (6) years of age, or who may become six (6) years of age by August 1, shall attend public school or qualify for an exemption as provided by [KRS 159.030](#).<sup>2</sup>

The District shall establish guidelines to determine a student's level of academic and social skills when that student is being considered for advancement through the primary program.<sup>3</sup> A student who is at least five (5) years of age, but less than six (6) years of age, may be enrolled in the second level of the primary program in keeping with the process set out in Kentucky Administrative Regulation.<sup>3 & 4</sup>

### **PETITION PROCESS**

#### **EARLY ENTRANCE PRIMARY ONE (P1) PROGRAM (KINDERGARTEN)**

Students will be eligible to enroll in the Early Entrance Primary One (P1) program, provided: (1) criteria established by the Board are met. Application for early entrance testing must be made, in writing, prior to April 30<sup>th</sup> of the proposed entry school year.

Successful completion of the Early Entrance Primary One (P1) is the prerequisite into Primary Two (P2).

#### **Criteria for Early Entrance (P1)**

Parents/guardians may petition the Board to allow their child to enter school earlier than permitted under statutory age requirements. On receipt of a petition, the District shall conduct an evaluation process to help determine a student's readiness to engage in and benefit from early entry to school. Criteria for early entrance include:

1. Based on Brigance III scores, student is deemed "Ready with Enrichment"
2. Student turns 5 between August 1 and September 30; and,
3. Based on staff recommendations, the Superintendent shall recommend to the Board whether to grant the request.
4. Considerations may include availability of space and funding.

**Entrance Age****EARLY ENTRANCE PRIMARY TWO (P2) PROGRAM (FIRST GRADE)**

Students who have not participated in the Early Entrance Primary One (P1) Program will be eligible to enroll in the Early Entrance Primary Two (P2) Program, provided: (1) criteria established by the Board are met; and (2) candidates have successfully completed a Kindergarten program. Application for early entrance testing must be made, in writing, prior to April 30 of the proposed entry school year.

**Criteria for Early Entrance (P2)**

Criteria for early entrance include:

1. Running Record/ DRA performing at or above grade level.
2. Committee determination.

**PROOF OF AGE**

Upon enrollment for the first time in any elementary or secondary school, a student or student's parent shall provide:

- A certified copy of the student's birth certificate, or
- Other reliable proof of the student's identity and age with an affidavit explaining the inability to produce a copy of the birth certificate.<sup>5</sup>

**REFERENCES:**

<sup>1</sup>[KRS 157.3175](#)

<sup>2</sup>[KRS 158.030](#)

<sup>3</sup>[702 KAR 007:125](#)

<sup>4</sup>[KRS 158.031](#)

<sup>5</sup>[KRS 158.032](#); [KRS 158.035](#); [KRS 214.034](#)

[KRS 158.990](#); [KRS 159.010](#); [KRS 159.030](#)

[702 KAR 001:160](#); [704 KAR 005:070](#)

[OAG 82-408](#); [OAG 85-55](#)

P. L. 114-95, (Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015), 20 U.S.C. § 6301 et seq.  
McKinney-Vento Act, 42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.

**RELATED POLICIES:**

08.22

09.124

09.126 (re requirements/exceptions for students from military families)

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