

POLICY

GLEN RIDGE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

5112 ENTRANCE AGE

The Board shall establish entrance age requirements for students which are consistent with statute and sound educational practice and which insure the equitable treatment of all eligible children.

Pre-Kindergarten

Any child residing in the district shall be admitted to the pre-kindergarten provided:

1. A child is eligible for entrance into Pre-Kindergarten if he/she attains the age of four on or before October 1 of the year in which he/she applies for entrance;
2. Proof shall be furnished of immunization against the communicable diseases at the time of enrollment or such immunization shall be completed within thirty days from date of entry into the school;
3. The child shall have been examined by either the school or a private physician, and the results shall be furnished to the school on the form provided.

Kindergarten

Any child residing in the district shall be admitted to the Kindergarten provided:

1. The child will have attained the age of five years on or before October 1 of that school year;
2. Proof shall be furnished of immunization against the communicable diseases at the time of enrollment or such immunization shall be completed within thirty days from date of entry into the school; and

3. The child shall have been examined by either the school or a private physician, and the results shall be furnished to the school on the form provided.

First Grade

Any child residing in the district shall be admitted to the first grade provided:

1. The child will have attained the age of six years on or before October 1 of that school year;

2. He/she has been in first grade in another public school;

3. He/she has completed a public school kindergarten program elsewhere and has been recommended by the teacher for advancement to the first grade; and

4. Proof has been furnished of immunization against communicable diseases.

Proof of Age

The Superintendent shall require that each child who registers for entrance to the school exhibit his/her birth certificate as proof of age and birth date.

Transfers Into Grades Two Through Twelve

If the family is residing in another district and the child is attending and is transferring from another school, public school, or private school with a comparable school curriculum, the age requirements for admission to Kindergarten and first grade may be extended up to December 31 by the School Principal.

Pupils transferring into the district are expected to present copies of records from the previously attended school (or district) to aid in placement. Also required are proof of immunization and proof of identity such as birth certificate, social security card, etc, and proof of residency.

The Superintendent shall request the pupil's record in writing from the school or district previous attendance within the time prescribed by law.

Initial placement shall be made on the basis of the records, but adjustment may be made at the discretion of the administration when the assessments indicate that such adjustments would be

beneficial to the child. Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) shall be informed of this policy on registration.

Affidavit Pupils

When there is any doubt as to whether a child is entitled to free public education in the district schools, all procedures of the law shall be followed.

Nonresidents

The district is obliged to educate children of appropriate age residing in the district. The mere owning of any property whatsoever does not qualify a parent or legal guardian to send children to school in this school district. See policy 5118 Nonresidents.

Verification

The Board reserves the right to verify the residency of any pupil and the validity of any affidavit of guardianship.

Homeless Pupils

The district will determine the educational placement of homeless students in each child's best interest and respond to appeals concerning them made by parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or other parties in accordance with New Jersey statutes and administrative code.

N.J.S.A. 18A:36-19; 18A:38-5; 18A:38-6; 18A:44-1; 18A:44-2;
18A:46-6; 18A:46-6-1
N.J.A.C. 6A:14-3.3

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