

## QUALIFICATIONS OF ATTENDANCE AND PLACEMENT

### 1. Age of Admission

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. Children of age 8 and less than age 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 16 and less than 18 years of age may be excused from further attendance at school. The superintendent shall exercise his/her authority to grant exceptions when he/she determines that the student:

- A. Is lawfully and regularly employed, and
- B. Has permission of a parent, or,
- C. Is emancipated pursuant to Chapter 13.64 RCW; or
- D. 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 shall be entitled to take any course, receive any ancillary services and take or receive any combination of courses and ancillary services which is offered by a public school to full-time students.

### 2. Entrance Qualifications

To be admitted to a kindergarten program which commences in the fall of the year a child must be not less than 5 years of age prior to September 1 of that school year. To be admitted to a first grade program which commences in the fall of the year a child must be not less than 6 years of age prior to September 1 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 450 or more hours including instruction in the essential academic learning requirements and other subjects that the district determines are appropriate shall 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 shall be made no later than the 30th calendar day following the student's first day of attendance.

Exemptions. Special exemptions may be made for younger pupils who appear to be sufficiently advanced to succeed in the educational program. The superintendent shall identify screening processes and instruments that shall provide reliable estimates of these skills and abilities, develop procedures for implementing this policy and establish fees to cover expenses incurred in the administration of preadmission screening process. The district shall 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.

3. Admission of Students Aged Twenty-One or Older

A student aged 21 or older may enroll in a school in the district under the following conditions:

- A. There is available space in the school and program which the student shall attend;
- B. Tuition is prepaid;
- C. The student provides his/her own transportation;
- D. The student resides in the state of Washington; and
- E. In the judgment of the superintendent, no adult education program is available at reasonable costs and the district's program is appropriate to the needs of the student.

4. 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 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 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.

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Cross References:	Board Policy	2121	Drug and Alcohol Use/Abuse Program
		2108	Remediation Program
		3114	Part-time, Home-based, or Off-campus Students
		3121	Compulsory Attendance
		3122	Excused or Unexcused Absences
		4220	Complaints Concerning Staff or Program
Legal References:	RCW	28A.225.010	Attendance mandatory--Age--Person having custody shall cause child to attend public school -- When excused
		28A.225.020	School's duties upon juvenile's failure to attend school
		28A.225.160	Qualification for admission to district's schools – Fees for preadmission screening
		28A.225.220	Adults, children from other districts, agreements for attending school--Tuition
	WAC	180-39	Uniform Entry Qualifications
		392-134-010	Attendance rights of part-time public school students
		392-137	Finance – Nonresident attendance
Management Resource:	<i>Policy News</i> , April 2006		Entrance to School Policy Changes
	<i>Policy News</i> , August 1999		Districts may set K-screening fees

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Parents requesting an exemption from the age of admission requirement for kindergarten or first grade shall provide to the district the results of an assessment using the instruments and processes approved by the superintendent and conducted by a licensed or certified psychologist. If the assessment is conducted by district staff a fee not to exceed \$75 shall be charged except that such fee may be reduced or waived for persons whose families, by reason of their low income, would have difficulty in paying the entire amount of such fees. For purposes of this waiver or reduction, the USDA Child Nutrition Program guidelines shall be used. The district reserves the right to reassess the child at its own cost before granting an exemption.

If a child exceeds the norm in each ability area, the exemption shall be granted. The superintendent may grant conditional exemptions to children who perform at or near the norm in most or all of the areas of ability. The parent shall be notified of the conditional status of the exemption and that it may be withdrawn if, after 2 months, the child performs substantially below the expected level in any of the ability areas.

In the event an exemption is denied a conditional exemption is withdrawn, or a screening fee waiver is denied, the parent shall be promptly notified of the reasons and of the opportunity to have the decision reviewed in the manner provided by the district's policy on citizen complaints.

As a minimum, eligibility for the exemption shall be based upon an analysis of the child's (1) mental ability, (2) gross motor skills, (3) fine motor skills, (4) visual discrimination, (5) auditory discrimination, (6) emotional/social development, and (7) language development. Where feasible, assessment devices shall be used that shall permit students who are to be considered for exemption to be compared to the level of performance that would be expected of children with a chronological age of 5 years and 6 months for kindergarten and 6 years and 6 months for first grade in each of the areas of ability.

### Admission of Students Aged Twenty-One or Older

The student shall petition the superintendent for admission.

The petition shall identify the student's name, age, address and grade level or program of study.

If approved, the petition shall specify the tuition fee to be paid, shall be signed by the student and the superintendent and shall constitute the written agreement required by law. It shall be retained as a public document and made available to the state superintendent of public instruction upon request.

The tuition fee shall be calculated in the same way the state superintendent of public instruction determines the cost of educating a student in the district, except that a handicapped student who turns twenty-one during the school year shall only pay that amount of money deemed as "excess cost."

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