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Authority

The Board shall establish age requirements for the admission of beginning students which are consistent with law and regulations and sound educational practice, and ensure the equitable treatment of all eligible children.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)

Guidelines

Beginners

Beginners are students entering the lowest grade of the primary school above kindergarten level.[\[4\]](#)[\[5\]](#)[\[6\]](#)

A child is eligible for admission to first grade if s/he has attained the age of six (6) years on or before August 31.[\[4\]](#)[\[6\]](#)

Children who have not attained the age of six (6) years on or before August 31, but will be six (6) years on or before September 30, and have satisfactorily completed the requirements of 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, may be admitted for entry into the first-grade program. Documentation from the state-approved program is required. Grade placement will be determined by the Superintendent or designee based on a thorough review of the child's academic records.

The Board is not required to admit as a beginner any child whose age is less than the district's established admission age for beginners.[\[7\]](#)

Kindergarten

A child is eligible for admission to kindergarten if s/he has attained the age of five (5) years on or before August 31. They shall be admitted to school only during the first two (2) weeks of the annual school term unless the child will turn six (6) during the course of the school year.[\[8\]](#)

Once a child begins a formal education, they are subject to compulsory attendance laws.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall require that the parent/guardian of each student who registers for entrance to school shall submit proof of age, residency, and required immunizations.[9][10]

Admission of Transfer Students

Students transferring from other public schools will generally be admitted to the same grade level as in the previous school. The district has the right to place the student in a different grade level if the available information suggests the need to do so.

Students transferring from private schools or home school programs will be placed according to the best estimate of their progress as it relates to the sequence of grades in Hempfield School District as determined by the Superintendent or designee.

Legal

1. 24 P.S. 1301
2. 22 PA Code 11.12
3. 22 PA Code 11.41
4. 24 P.S. 1304
5. 24 P.S. 1326
6. 22 PA Code 11.15
7. 22 PA Code 11.16
8. 22 PA Code 11.14
9. Pol. 200
10. Pol. 203
- 24 P.S. 503
- 22 PA Code 4.41