Billings School District 2

STUDENTS

Education Enrollment Exceptional Circumstances

The Trustees of the District may, at their discretion, assign a child to school in the district who is under 5 years of age or an adult who is 19 years of age or older if there are exceptional circumstances that merit waiving the age provision of Mont Code. Ann § 20-5-101.

"Exceptional Circumstances" under this policy shall mean any of the following:

i. the child is being admitted into a preschool program established by the Trustees pursuant to 20-7-117;

ii. the child is determined by the Trustees to be ready for kindergarten and the child's parents have requested early entry into the District's regular kindergarten program;

iii. the child is being admitted into an early literacy targeted intervention classroom or jumpstart program;

iv. the adult is 19 years of age or older and in the Trustees' determination would benefit from educational programs offered by a school of the District.

Legal Reference:

§ 20-4-101, MCA Definitions
§ 20-5-101, MCA Admittance of child to school
§ 20-6-501, MCA Definition of various schools
§ 20-7-117, MCA Kindergarten and preschool programs
elementary and secondary schools defined
Article X, section 1, of the Montana Constitution
Title III, ESEA (English language Acquisition, language Enhancement, and Academic Achievement Act)

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