



POLICY 202 -- ADMISSION OF BEGINNERS

1. Purpose

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

2. Authority

A. Beginners

Beginners are children entering the lowest grade of the primary school above the kindergarten level. They shall be admitted to school only during the first two weeks of the annual school term except that a child who is eight (8) years of age may begin school at any time during the school year.

A beginner is eligible for admission to the lowest grade of the primary school above the kindergarten level if s/he has attained the age of six (6) years on or before September 1.

The Board may, on the written request of the parent/guardian, admit as a beginner a child whose chronological age is not less than five (5) years but who has demonstrated readiness for entry as of the first day of the school term, when so recommended by the School Psychologist and approved by the Superintendent.

The Board is not required to admit as a beginner any child whose chronological age is less than the district's established minimum age.

B. Kindergarten

A child is eligible for admission to kindergarten if s/he has attained the age of five (5) years on or before September 1.

3. Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent will require that each child who registers for entrance to school exhibit his/her birth certificate or similar documentation as proof of age and birth date, along with proof of residency and required immunizations.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures for the enrollment of resident children which:

- A. Admit such students only on proper application and submission of required documentation by the parent/guardian.
- B. Verify claims of residency. Proof of residency may include:
 - Deed, lease or rent receipt, or
 - Utility bill, or
 - PA Department of Transportation identification or Driver's License, or
 - PA Department of Transportation vehicle registration, or
 - Copy of State/Federal program enrollment, or
 - Copy of paycheck stub with name and address of employee and employer, or
 - Residency affidavit.
- C. Do not exclude any eligible student on the basis of race, creed, color, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry or handicap/disability.