

## 5112 ENTRANCE AGE

The Board of Education will admit to this district children otherwise eligible by law or Board policy who have attained the age requirements set by law and this Board of Education. The Board requires documentary verification of the age and birthdate of any child for whom admission to this district is sought.

### Preschool Programs:

The Board of Education will accept students in the district's Integrated Preschool Program in accordance with the rules of the State Board of Education.

A child is eligible for entrance into integrated preschool who will have attained the age of three years on or before October 1 of the year in which entrance is sought. Additional regular education pupils will be selected based on:

1. Remaining available space based on a lottery system for general education students;
2. General education students are required to be toilet trained and able to attend school without requiring a diaper.

When the preschool receives more applications than there are spaces available, the district shall hold a public lottery to determine the selection of pupils for participation in the preschool program.

1. The district shall develop a waiting list based on the lottery.
2. The district shall notify the parent or guardian of every pupil who has submitted an application for the lottery.
3. The district shall assign a number to each pupil participating in the lottery and shall notify the parent or guardian of the number assigned to their child(ren).
4. Before conducting the lottery, the district will give preference to siblings of pupils already enrolled in and attending the district. A two-tiered lottery will be conducted as follows:
  - a. Tier One – In the event there are more siblings than seats available, the district shall conduct a lottery first for siblings only in order to determine the selection of pupils for participation and placement on the waiting list.



- b. Tier Two – A second lottery for additional applicants will be conducted to assign them a place on the waiting list. In the event additional seats remain after all siblings have been enrolled in the program, the additional applicants will be enrolled based on the lottery waiting list.

A child is eligible for entrance into a program of special education who has attained his/her third birthday and has been found by the Child Study Team to be eligible for a program for the preschool disabled in accordance with rules of the State Board of Education.

## Kindergarten

A child is eligible for entrance into Kindergarten who will have attained the age of five years on or before October 1 of the year in which entrance is sought.

No child will be admitted to Kindergarten who has not met the age requirement set by this policy.

## First Grade

A child is eligible for entrance into first grade who will have attained the age of six years on or before October 1 of the year in which entrance is sought or has completed the Kindergarten program of this district or an equivalent program elsewhere and has been recommended by the teacher for advancement to the first grade.

In addition to the specific requirements listed for each grade level, all students registering must adhere to the following:

1. Immunization against communicable diseases at the time of enrollment or such immunization shall be completed within thirty days from date of entry into the school.
2. A completed medical examination form will be furnished by the tenth school day in September. The required medical examination must include a test for tuberculosis. The form must be signed by a licensed physician in any jurisdiction of the United States, including a military physician.



# POLICY

3. Not be able to begin school on the first day of school in September unless his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s) have presented an original raised seal birth certificate, indicating the child's chronological age. This legal document indicating chronological age shall be photocopied and the copy shall be attached to the Kindergarten enrollee's registration form. The registration form will be signed and dated in the appropriate space by the individual accepting and photocopying the legal document which indicates the chronological age. The original legal document shall be returned to the parent(s) or legal guardian(s);

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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