

# UNITED SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: ADMISSION OF STUDENTS

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| 201. ADMISSION OF STUDENTS                                       |  |
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| <p>1. Purpose<br/>SC 1301<br/>Title 22<br/>Sec. 11.12, 11.41</p> | <p>The Board shall establish age requirements for admission to kindergarten and of beginners which are consistent with state law, regulations and sound educational practice.</p>  |
| <p>2. Definitions<br/>SC 1304, 1326</p>                          | <p><b>Beginners</b> - students entering the lowest grade of the primary school above the Kindergarten level. Beginners shall be admitted to school during the first two (2) weeks of the annual school term and thereafter at the district's discretion. A child who is eight (8) years of age shall be admitted to school at any time during the school year.</p>   |
| <p>SC 1326<br/>Title 22<br/>Sec. 11.13</p>                       | <p><b>Compulsory school age</b> - the period of a child's life, based upon age, when s/he enters school as a beginner or becomes age eight (8), until the age of seventeen (17) or graduation from high school if granted before the age of seventeen (17).</p> <p><b>Kindergarten</b> - an optional experience which is developmentally appropriate for five-year-olds and is provided to help each child in the transition from home, day care, or preschool to the district's educational program.</p> <p><b>PA Pre-K Counts</b> - an optional experience which is developmentally appropriate for four-year-olds and is provided to help each child in the transition from home, day care, or preschool to the district's educational program.</p> |
| <p>3. Guidelines<br/><br/>SC 1304, 1326</p>                      | <p><u>First Grade (Beginners)</u></p> <p>Beginners are students entering the lowest grade of the primary school above the kindergarten level. Beginners shall be admitted to school during the first two (2) weeks of the annual school term and thereafter at the district's discretion. A child who is eight (8) years of age shall be admitted to school at any time during the school year.</p>  |

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|  | <p>The Board establishes the district's entry age for beginners as not less than five (5) years and seven (7) months before September 1, and not more than six (6) years before the first day of the school term.</p>  |
| <p>Title 22<br/>Sec. 11.16</p>                           | <p>The Board may admit as a beginner a child who is five (5) years old and demonstrates readiness for entry by September 1 of the school year in which s/he would enroll, upon the written request of the parent/guardian, recommendation of the district psychologist, and approval of the Superintendent.</p>  |
| <p>Title 22<br/>Sec. 11.16</p>                           | <p>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.</p> <p><u>Kindergarten</u></p>  |
| <p>Title 22<br/>Sec. 11.14</p>                           | <p>The Board establishes the district's entry age for Kindergarten as not less than five (5) years and no months before the first day of the school term.</p> <p><u>PA Pre-K Counts</u></p>  |
|  | <p>The Board establishes the district's entry age for Pre-Kindergarten as not less than four (4) years and no months before the first day of September.</p> <p>The Board is not required to admit as a child to Pre-Kindergarten whose age is less than the district's established admission age for Pre-Kindergarten.</p>   |
| <p>4. Delegation of Responsibility<br/>Pol. 200, 203</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 503, 1301, 1304, 1326</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.41, 11.12, 11.13, 11.14, 11.15, 11.16, 11.41</p> <p>Board Policy – 200, 203</p> |