

DEER LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: ADMISSION OF STUDENTS

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201. ADMISSION OF STUDENTS	
<p>1. Authority SC 1301 Title 22 Sec. 11.12, 11.41</p>	<p>The Board shall establish age requirements for the admission of students to first grade and to kindergarten that are consistent with state law and regulations.</p>
<p>2. Guidelines SC 1304, 1326</p>	<p><u>First Grade</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>
<p>SC 1304 Title 22 Sec. 11.15</p>	<p>The Board establishes the district's entry age for beginners as not less than six (6) years on or before September 1 of the year enrolled.</p>
<p>Title 22 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 the first day of the school term, upon the written request of the parent/guardian, recommendation of the elementary principal and school psychologist, and approval of the Superintendent. Students must be 6 on or before October 31st to be considered as a beginner. All requests for admittance must be submitted by May 1st prior to entrance year.</p>
<p>Title 22 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>Title 22 Sec. 11.14</p>	<p><u>Kindergarten</u></p> <p>The Board establishes the district's entry age for kindergarten as five (5) years on or before September 1 of the year enrolled.</p>

The Board may admit into kindergarten a child who is less than five (5) years and demonstrates readiness, upon the written request of the parent/guardian, recommendation of the elementary principal and school psychologist, and approval of the Superintendent. Students must be 5 on or before October 31st to be considered as a beginner. All requests for admittance must be submitted by May 1st prior to entrance year.

Kindergarten students shall normally not be enrolled after the second week of any school year unless such student had been attending kindergarten in another district.

Early Admission

Administrators and counselors shall explain to parents the problems likely to arise when a child enters school before being ready. If the parents wish to pursue the matter, the following procedures shall be followed:

- a. The parents shall be referred to the Assistant Superintendent
- b. The Assistant Superintendent will provide the parents with a minimum list of three qualified psychologists who can evaluate the child. This list may include the District psychologist (who will be acting outside of his/her role as a district employee,) university psychology department graduate programs, or independent practitioners. The fee shall be set by the psychologist and paid by the parents.
- c. The psychologist shall contact the Assistant Superintendent for information as to the tests required by the School District. The district maintains the right to retest the child.
- d. Criteria of evaluation will include intellect, maturation, skill development and socialization.
- e. The psychologist will submit a recommendation and all test data to the Assistant Superintendent for review and approval. The decision of the Assistant Superintendent/Superintendent is final. The names of students who qualify for early admission shall be submitted to the Superintendent. Parents of students who do not qualify for early admission shall be notified in writing by the Superintendent.
- f. No child under the age of four years, nine months will be granted early admission to kindergarten.
- g. No child under the age of five years, nine months, will be granted early

<p>Pol. 200, 251</p> <p>3. Delegation of Responsibility Pol. 200, 203</p>	<p>admission to first grade.</p> <p>h. The Superintendent will notify the parents in writing of their child’s early admission. A copy of this letter will be provided to the Board.</p> <p><u>Transfer Students</u></p> <p>The Superintendent shall develop administrative regulations for the admission of transfer students in compliance with Board policy and applicable laws and regulations.</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, 11.14, 11.15, 11.16, 11.41</p> <p>Board Policy – 200, 203, 251</p>
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