STUDENTS

Age of Entrance

A child must be five years of age as of midnight on August 31 to enter kindergarten. A child must be six years of age as of midnight on August 31 to enter first grade.

Any child not otherwise eligible for entry to first grade who has successfully completed a kindergarten program in an accredited public or private school shall be permitted entry to the first grade, providing the kindergarten program standards substantially equal or exceed the applicable basic education program requirements of RCW 28A.150.220 and WAC 180-16-200 through 180-16-220.

If the District has reason to believe that an individual child may not succeed in the District's first grade program, the District, in its sole judgment, shall have the option of placing the child in either kindergarten or first grade for evaluation by school personnel. A final determination of the child's appropriate grade level placement will be made no later than the thirtieth calendar day following the child's first day of attendance.

At the time of registration, parents are required to present proof acceptable to the District of the child's date of birth.

The superintendent or his designee will develop procedures under which parents can request early entrance for their child into kindergarten and/or first grade.

Legal References:

RCW 28A.150.220 Basic Education Act
RCW 28A.225.160 Qualifications for Admission to Public Schools
RCW 34.05 Administrative Procedure Act
WAC 180-16-200-220 Total program hour offering—Basic Skills and Work Skills Requirements—Waiver
WAC -392-335-010 Uniform Entry Age for Kindergarten
WAC 392-335-015 Uniform Entry Age for First Grade
WAC 392-335-020 Kindergarten Experience Qualification for First Grade

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