

STUDENTS

Minimum Entrance Age

Students entering kindergarten in the fall of the year shall have reached the age of five, and students entering first grade in the fall of the year shall have reached the age of six, by midnight August 31 of the year of entry.

A student not otherwise eligible for entry to first grade who has successfully completed a kindergarten program in a public or private school shall be permitted entry provided that the student's kindergarten program standards substantially equaled or exceeded the applicable basic education requirements of the State of Washington.

Special exemptions for early entrance may be made for younger students who are intellectually advanced.

At a minimum, eligibility for the special exemption shall be based on a screening process and/or instruments that result in an analysis of the child's:

1. Mental ability;
2. Gross motor skills;
3. Fine motor skills;
4. Visual discrimination;
5. Auditory discrimination; and,
6. Emotional/social development.

The superintendent shall write procedures for governing these special exemptions. Where feasible, assessment devices shall be used that shall permit students who are to be considered for the exemption to be compared to the level of performance that would be expected of children who would begin kindergarten with a chronological age of five years and six months, and first grade with a chronological age of six years and six months.

Underage students transferring from public schools or accredited private schools may enter at the grade level assigned by the school the student has been attending, provided that the student's kindergarten program standards substantially equaled or exceeded the applicable basic education requirements of the State of Washington. Students transferring from non-accredited private schools, or school that do not meet the applicable basic education requirements of the State of Washington must follow the procedures described in 3111P.

Legal References:	RCW 28A.225.160	Qualification for admission to district's schools
	WAC 180-39	Uniform entry requirements
Cross Reference:	Policy 3111	Entrance Requirements

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