

PROPOSED DELETION



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Entrance Qualifications **THIS LANGUAGE MOVED TO 3110**

To be admitted to a kindergarten program, a child must be not less than five (5) years of age prior to September 1 of that school year. To be admitted to a first-grade program, which commences in the fall of the year, a child must be not less than six (6) years of age prior to September 1 of that school year. Any child not otherwise eligible for entry to the first grade who has successfully completed a state-approved, public or private, kindergarten program of 1,000 or more hours including instruction in the essential academic learning requirements and other subjects that the district determines are appropriate (i.e., language arts, arithmetic and reading) will be permitted entry into the first-grade program. The program should be commensurate in length to the district school calendar, September through June. If necessary, the student may be placed in a temporary classroom assignment for the purposes of evaluation prior to making a final determination of the child's appropriate placement. Such determination shall be made by the principal of the appropriate elementary school no later than the thirtieth calendar day following the student's first day of attendance.

Exemptions

Special exemptions may be made for younger pupils who appear to have the ability or need, or both, to succeed in the educational program. The superintendent or designee shall identify screening processes and instruments that shall provide reliable estimates of these skills and abilities, develop procedures for implementing this policy, and establish fees to cover expenses incurred in the administration of preadmission screening processes. The district will provide a fee waiver or a reduction in fees for low-income students whose parents are unable to pay the full cost of preadmission screening.

Cross references:	<u>Board Policy 2100</u>	Educational Opportunities for Students with a Parent/Legal Guardian in the Military
	<u>Board Policy 2232</u>	Grade Placement
	<u>Procedure 311P</u>	Entrance Qualifications

Legal references:	<u>RCW 28A.225.160</u>	Qualification for admission to district's schools—Fees for preadmission screening
	<u>WAC 180-16-200</u>	Total instructional hour requirement
	<u>Chapter 392-335 WAC</u>	Pupils—Uniform entry qualifications

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