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Entrance Qualifications and Age of Attendance Admission

A. Entrance Qualifications

To be admitted to a kindergarten program that commences in the fall of the year, 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 that 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 turns six (6) years old before November 1 of that school year and 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 (30) calendar day following the student's first day of attendance.

B. Age of Admission

Attending the schools of the district shall be recognized as a right and responsibility for those who meet the requirements prescribed by law. Every resident of the district who satisfies the minimum entry age requirement and is less than 21 years of age has the right to attend the district's schools until ~~he/she~~ **they** completes high school graduation requirements.

Children of age 8 and less than age 18 are required by law to attend **a public school**, an approved private or ~~public school~~ **educational center**, unless they are receiving approved home-based instruction. Under certain circumstances children who are at least 16 and less than 18 years of age may be excused from further attendance at school. The superintendent shall exercise ~~his/her~~ **their** authority to grant exceptions when ~~he/she~~ **they** determines that the student:

- 1A.** Is regularly and lawfully employed; **and**
- 2B.** Has permission of a parent/**guardian**, or;
- 3C.** Is emancipated pursuant to [Chapter 13.64 RCW](#), or;
- 4D.** Is subject to one (1) of the other exceptions to compulsory attendance.

A resident student who has been granted an exception retains the right to enroll as a part-time student and shall be entitled to take any course, receive any ancillary services, and take or receive any combination of courses and ancillary services which is offered by a public school to full-time students.

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Cross references: [Board Policy 3112](#)
[Board Policy 3114](#)

[Board Policy 3120](#)
[Board Policy 3122](#)

Legal references: [RCW 28A.225.010](#)
[RCW 28A.225.020](#)

[RCW 28A.225.160](#)

[WAC 392-134-010](#)

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